



Court Agenda

February 19, 2014

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Dean Dark – Wildlife Specialist – Quarterly Report
- 1.2** 9:30 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed Department – Weed Tech Update
- 1.3** 10:00 a.m. Cal McDermid, Patti Fields, Carrie Kaseberg – Museum/Visitor Center – Tourism/Business Promotion Ideas
- 1.4** 10:30 a.m. Jan Byram – Senior Center Manager – Respite Services; Trees

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Appointment – Budget Committee: Forest Peters
- 2.2 Wildlife Services Budget FY 2014-2015

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Policy Development – Use of Tables & Chairs
- 3.2 Public Procurements – Law Update
- 3.3 Six Rivers Community Mediation Services – Update
- 3.4 2013 Opportunity to Recycle Report
- 3.5 Sherman County Wireless Network – Subscriber Stats
- 3.6 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of February 5, 2014
- 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – January 2014
- 4.3 Treasurer's Report – January 2013

5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights
ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel*



SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM

February 19, 2014

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Tom McCoy, Commissioner, Mike Smith, Commissioner, Melva Thomas, Administrative Assistant, Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Forest Peters to the Sherman County Budget Committee, pending completion of required paperwork, for a four year term to expire December 31, 2017.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to recommend to the Sherman County Budget Committee funding for Wildlife Services Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 as proposed in the amount of \$74,033.50.

Vote: 3
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2014 as corrected, and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2014 as presented.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

1.1 Dean Dark – Wildlife Specialist – Quarterly Report

Dean told the Court that the weather has made setting out traps difficult. He has been working on the beaver problem and thinks that the coyote situation in the Grass Valley area is presently contained. Commissioner McCoy asked about cougar sightings in the north end of the county. Dean said that there had been some, but none recently. He thinks that feral pigs are being relocated from Sherman County to the Lonerock area of Gilliam County, as there are signs of them in Sherman County and at Lonerock, but none between the two areas. He continues working on the management of feral pigs in Sherman County.

Commissioner Smith questioned the jump in the proposed budget for a vehicle. Dean explained that it is because he is due for a new pickup this year. The government tries to trade vehicles out every two years while they still have some resale value.

1.2 Rod Asher – Weed Department- Quarterly Report

Rod reported plans to hire four temporary/seasonal employees for the Deschutes Corridor project. Two will begin around the first of March, one in late March and one later. There are grant dollars left over from last year, thus the reason for two extra crew members and being able to get on the ground earlier. They will spray the weeds that were located last summer. Another grant has been applied for and the determination of who will be awarded the funds is presently being decided by the State Weed Board. Commissioner McCoy indicated that there is probably money available through SWCD as there is a lot of interest in keeping this program going.

The formation of a weed management area (CWMA) is underway. Private and public landowners come together to form this cooperative voluntarily to help go after grants. Sherman County's role is employer and Rod is one of the supervisors.

The current grant is specific to the Deschutes River from Maupin to the mouth and Rod proposed a plan to the Court to hire a two-person seasonal crew to cover areas outside the two mile buffer of the present project. This crew would survey (identify the weed) and spray at the same time. If the weeds are

on private land the landowner would be charged a nominal set fee/acre. Rod will develop a plan and budget for this proposal to present to the Court for budget committee consideration.

1.3 Cal McDermid, Patti Fields, Carrie Kaseberg – Museum/Visitor Center-Tourism/Business Promotion Ideas

This group came to the Court to give details of their plan to explore developing a Sherman County Chamber of Commerce. Cal McDermid, who was Events and Membership Director for The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce for four years, told the Court that he learned a lot about the Chamber world and what it can do for an area. He has researched online different County Chambers of Commerce and noted that there are several counties within Oregon who have Chambers of Commerce. Cal prepared a document showing some of the roles Chambers of Commerce, how they are started and set up, and the requirements. He had also listed activities and attractions in Sherman County that can be promoted. He cited a Travel Oregon figure stating that in 2012 \$4.6 million tourist dollars were spent in Sherman County. Cal wants to research other County Chambers and how they are funded.

Commissioner McCoy asked if a Chamber was formed how it would be staffed and where it would be housed. Carrie Kaseberg said that this is why they have come before the Court; to delve into this deeper and come up with a workable plan. They believe that the Museum would be a logical place to house a Chamber of Commerce; expanding the role of Visitor Center and having year-round access instead being open just six months of the year.

Cal said he plans to go full speed on this project and when he feels he has something definite and substantial he will bring his findings to the Court. Judge Thompson said that that he is 100% behind anything that promotes Sherman County.

1.4 Jan Byram – Senior Center Manager – Respite Services; Trees

Jan had a letter from Care Coordinator Melissa Howtopat, Area Agency on Aging stating that there are funds in Sherman County's Respite budget to continue serving only one family. The Court directed Jan to contact the family that has been receiving assistance the longest and tell them that as of the end of February funds are not available to continue serving them.

It was brought to Jan's attention that some trees on the grounds at the Senior and Community Center need to be trimmed. Melva will advertise for bids for tree pruning/trimming.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

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No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried.

2.2 Wildlife Services Budget FY 2014-2015

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No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Equipment Use Agreement – Tables & Chairs

Melva presented a draft Equipment Use Agreement for the newly purchased tables and chairs. Commissioner McCoy felt that the proposed \$100.00 cleaning/damage deposit should be raised. The court agreed on \$200.00. A trailer to haul the chairs and tables will be purchased after it is determined what requirements are needed regarding size, weight limits, etc. Melva will present a final agreement for approval once a transport trailer is secured and all details established.

3.2 Public Procurements – Law Update

The amount allowed before a contracting agency must obtain three bids to award a contract for services has been raised from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

3.3 Six Rivers Community Mediation Services - Update

Six Rivers Community Mediation Services is separating from Mid Columbia Council of Governments. The Court agreed that before the County renews its contract with Six Rivers documentation needs to be presented showing that services have been provided to Sherman County residents.

3.4 2013 Opportunity to Recycle Report

Melva has submitted a much simpler 2013 recycling report electronically.

3.5 Sherman County Wireless Network – Subscriber Stats

Reviewed statistics.

Discussion concerning damage to the Kent tower during the recent storms and power outages. Commissioner Smith will visit with County Clerk, Jenine McDermid about filing a claim with the County's insurance company to recover some of the expenses incurred in the repair/replacement of equipment.

3.6 Commissioner Reports

McCoy – Many meetings cancelled/postponed due to weather. Attended Potlatch in Wasco; the new chairs and tables are very nice. Went to Library Board meeting they will be increasing their budget by two or three thousand dollars because Melissa Smith will be going onto PERS. Dropped in on School Board Planning meeting. They were in the process of selecting a project manager.

Smith – Articles and editorial in The Dalles Chronicle with regard to Public Health and Hazardous Waste. Karen Joplin is now the Chair of MCCFL. Has been in contact with John Arens at MCCOG. Going to Leadership training in Salem Monday, then to NACO Conference in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday.

Thompson – Busy with AOC Vice President duties. Formed a new group through CGBREZ focusing on pump storage facilities and opening up a California market for Oregon Renewable energy. Invited CREA in recently to see what they are doing. Working Federally to get the pump storage facility in the Klickitat Mountains. Three hundred bills came in for the short legislative session; most of them had very little vetting, which is not good. Will be gone more and more with AOC involvement as the year progresses.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes February 5, 2014

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – January 2014

4.3 Treasurer's Report – January 2014

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 11: 25 am.

ATTEST: Rita Wilson
Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Gary Thompson
Gary Thompson, Sherman County Judge

Tom McCoy
Tom McCoy, Sherman County Commissioner

Mike Smith
Mike Smith, Sherman County Commissioner