



Court Agenda

August 21, 2013
10:30 a.m.

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 11:00 a.m. Shawn Zumwalt, Lanny Quackenbush – OR Department of State Lands – John Day River Plans

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Cupola Railing Repairs – New Visions Construction Estimate
- 2.2 Wasco Annex Roof Bids
- 2.3 Commission Office Lease
- 2.4 Prevention Agreement between Mid-Columbia Center for Living and Sherman County Prevention
- 2.5 Wasco Annex Kitchen Entrance Repairs – New Visions Estimate

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Courthouse Grounds Maintenance
- 3.2 Sherman County Wireless Internet Subscriber Stats
- 3.3 Justice Reinvestment Grant Program
- 3.4 Thank You Card – Samantha Coons
- 3.5 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of August 7, 2013
- 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – July
- 4.3 Treasurer’s Report – July

5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with:*

<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations</i>	<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights</i>
<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property</i>	<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel</i>



SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM

MINUTES

August 21, 2013

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

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to accept a bid from New Visions Construction in the amount of \$3,800.00 to replace cupola railing on top of the Courthouse. Vote: unanimous.

Consensus of the Court to ask Mark Seder to prepare a scope of work for roof replacement at Wasco Annex and have it available for a walk-through with the bidders. It was also suggested to ask Mark if he would like to be present at the walk-through.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to request a month-to-month rental lease until January 1, 2014 for Commission Office lease. Vote: unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve an agreement between Sherman County and Mid-Columbia Center for Living for A&D 70 funds for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$122,500.00 to provide prevention services in Sherman County and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept a bid from New Visions Construction in the amount of \$425.00 to make repairs to the floor from the kitchen into the cafeteria to eliminate tripping hazard in the Wasco Annex facility. Vote: unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2013, Revenue/Expenditure Summary for July and the Treasurer's Report for July. Vote: unanimous.

1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

1.1 SHAWN ZUMWALT, LANNY QUACKENBUSH – OREGON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS – JOHN DAY RIVER PLANS

Leo Coelsch, Dick Stradley and Ross Turney also present.

Shawn Zumwalt and Lanny Quackenbush from the Department of State Lands explained the Department's proposal to close stretches of the John Day River to all-terrain vehicles. Lannie Quackenbush said that they are not planning to close the entire navigable stretch of the river. They are only addressing areas where there is a problem with ATV's driving up the river causing damage, leaving trash, going up the bank and trespassing onto private property, etc. The Court was given maps showing three areas where problems have been reported. The ruling would not, in any way, infringe upon land owners. The proposal says that the area is closed to all-terrain vehicles or other motorized vehicle uses. Excepted from closure are vehicles used in the launching or retrieval of watercraft at designated boat ramps, vehicles performing farming related operations including: crossings, established fords and fence repair, and vehicles used in placement of bank protection materials or riparian restoration projects. Leo Coelsch expressed concerns that this is just a start of more regulating the river. Sherman County Assessor Dick Stradley added that he feels respect needs to be paid to the history and heritage of the families whose land is impacted by these rules and regulations of the state agencies. He says there needs to be more and better communication with the property owners. Mr. Quackenbush said he has worked 40 years in the business and the Department is in partnership with farmers and ranchers throughout Eastern Oregon. This is the reason he is coming before the Court today; to get input before they file a proposed rule with the Secretary of State's Office and go into the formal comment period. This will go through a formal hearing process where everyone will have the chance to express their opinion.

There were no concerns at this time.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Cupola Railing Repairs – New Visions Construction Estimate.

Judge Thompson told the Court that the condition of the railing on the cupola on top of the Courthouse is a safety hazard. There is minimal traffic in that

area, but repair and maintenance personnel do need to be there from time to time. Commissioner Smith asked if the repairs would be historically accurate; Judge Thompson said that it would. Dale Haner from New Visions Construction submitted a bid for \$3,800.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept a bid from New Visions Construction in the amount o \$3,800.00 to replace cupola railing on top of the Courthouse. Vote: unanimous.

2.2 Wasco Annex Roof Bids

Commissioner Smith commented that all three bids were different from each other and done at different times. He suggested that the County develop a clear bid request and invite the three companies to participate in a walk through with Roger. Because of the scope of this project, clear and detailed guidelines need to be in place before the job is awarded.

Consensus of the Court to ask Mark Seder to prepare a scope of work for roof replacement and have it available for a walk-through with the bidders. It was also suggested to ask Mark if he would like to be present at the walk-through.

2.3 Prevention Office Lease

Melva told the Court that she has talked to Dale Coles about the lease for the Prevention office. He is willing to go along with any arrangement that will work for the County. After discussing the matter it was decided to go with a month-to-month rental agreement until January 1, 2014. By that time there should be a better understanding of what is happening with Prevention, HUB, etc.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to request a month-to-month rental lease until January 1, 2014 for Commission Office lease. Vote: unanimous.

Melva reported that Theresa submitted the Commission quarterly reports by the August 15th deadline.

2.4 Prevention Agreement between Mid-Columbia Center for Living and Sherman County Prevention

A& D 70's Grant funds.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve an agreement between Sherman County and Mid-Columbia Center for Living for A&D 70 funds for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, in the

amount of \$122,500.00 to provide prevention services in Sherman County and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: unanimous.

2.5 Wasco Annex Kitchen Entrance Repairs – New Visions Estimate

Melva reported that someone has tripped and fallen on the step going into the kitchen at the Wasco Annex. Dale Haner submitted a bid of \$425.00 to make repairs to the floor leading from the kitchen into the cafeteria by installing a ramp with a slip resistant surface.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept a bid from New Visions Construction in the amount of \$425.00 to make repairs to the floor from the kitchen into the cafeteria to eliminate tripping hazard in the Wasco Annex facility. Vote: unanimous.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Courthouse Grounds Maintenance

It was noted that the Courthouse grounds aren't being maintained satisfactorily. Some of the areas of dissatisfaction are: weeds, sprinklers not set to cover properly, (missing some areas and hitting the windows in others), the sidewalks are not cleaned, generally a neglected, uninviting appearance. Ground's Maintenance is the responsibility of the Weed Department. Commissioner Smith suggested that the Court talk to Rod Asher about how the grounds maintenance hours are set apart from weed control. Melva mentioned the possibility of getting professional landscapers in to get the grounds in shape for the fall, and possibly again in the spring. Then make sure that everyone is on line to deal with the routine maintenance. The rest of the County's properties were discussed: DeMoss Park, Wasco Annex, and the Senior Center. Are they being maintained satisfactorily? Commissioner McCoy suggested that the Court organize a tour of the grounds with Rod, Tom and Roger. After that a decision will be made as to what needs to be done.

3.2 Sherman County Wireless Internet Subscriber Stats

The numbers remained unchanged from last month. Discussed the need to move forward with plans to relocate equipment on MCP properties. Judge Thompson and Commissioner McCoy have talked with Jeff Kaser about MCP helping cover the cost of moving the equipment from the two elevators.

3.3 Justice Reinvestment Grant Program

This information was passed along to Sherman County District Attorney Wade McLeod and Probation Officer John Folliard. They will decide if it is a program they want to participate in.

3.4 Thank You Card – Samantha Coons

Thank you from Samantha Coons for the \$1,000.00 graduation scholarship.

3.5 Commissioner Reports:

McCoy – Inadvertently dropped in on meeting at the hospital on how to set up care for rural aging population. He feels it is a group that we need to follow.

Met with the Assessor's office and Don Coats about wind farm valuations.

Need to schedule school representatives for quarterly report.

Smith – MCCOG meeting regarding Building Codes fee increase proposal. There will be a public hearing October 1st.

Presentation on Medicaid transportation dollars going to CCO's; there is a question as to whether CCO's will accept Medicaid dollars. Shared this information with Marnene. Tri County Veterans transportation funding was discussed. Budget was cut from \$16,000 to \$7,000. Need to discuss this with Veteran's Services Officer, Bryan Hunt.

Will be stepping into the leadership position of the SIEC Partnership Committee.

Participated in the statewide CAC teleconference. There will be state level CAC meetings every other month for a while.

Likes the new county signs.

Will be on vacation September 1 through 12.

Thompson – Spent three days at the AOC summer conference. One presentation that was particularly interesting focused on public/private partnerships. Stressed the importance of being above board. Talked about the NACO Dental and Prescription plan. There is also a pet medicine plan. He would like County Counsel to agree to this plan. NACO has come out with a program that teaches high school students what county government does.

Would like to get ODOT STIP funds for some passing lanes on Hwy. 97 rather than redoing the south entrance to the High School at this time.

3.6 Early Learning HUB

The RFA will be coming out on Thursday and Melva will get the login information at that time and forward it to Molly Rogers and Amber DeGrange. The framework of the HUB was discussed at great length. Commissioner McCoy posed the question what do we want from this? Commissioner Smith said we need to be at the table to ensure we get our fair share. The College plan gives Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties one vote in the governance process. This is not the way any other regional board operates. We want an equal voice. We don't want to have the Hub, but need to be in control of our destiny. There are still more unknowns than knowns. Hopefully the RFA will provide more information.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of August 7, 2013

4.2 Revenue /Expenditure Summary - July

4.3 Treasurer's Report – July

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2013, Revenue/Expenditure Summary for July and the Treasurer's Report for July as presented. Vote: unanimous.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:30 pm

ATTEST:

Rita Wilson
DEPUTY CLERK

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COUNTY JUDGE

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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