

## Court Agenda

## **September 18, 2013**

#### 1.0 **Appointment Schedule:**

1.1	9:00 a.m.	Keith Mobley – Oregon Public Broadcasting – Presentation
1.2	9:30 a.m.	Georgia Macnab, Jennifer Zimmerlee – RV Park – Recommendations for Park Rates; Restroom/Shower Facility Issues

1.3	10:00 a.m.	Brad DeHart, Brad Lohrey, Mark Coles - ODOT/Sheriff/Road
		Department – Mud Hollow Bridge

1.4	11:00 a.m.	Amber DeGrange, Theresa Olsen – Juvenile Director/Prevention
		Coordinator - Youth Investment & Early Learning Funding; Project
		Alert Contracts; Community Advisory Council (CAC)
1.5	1:30 p.m.	Rod Asher - Weed Department/Grounds - Grounds Maintenance

1.6	2:00 p.m.	Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Expense Projections
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### Additions to Agenda:

#### 2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Proclamation 2013 Food Day Oregon
- 2.2 State of Oregon Department of Education Youth Development Division 2013-2014 County Intergovernmental Agreement
- 2.3 Declare as Surplus 2002 Chevrolet Blazer
- 2.4 Prevention Office Rental Agreement
- 2.5 Intergovernmental Agreement Creating Frontier Regional 911 Agency
- 2.6 Window & Gutter Cleaning Proposal Homeland Contractors, Inc.
- 2.7 Job Description Property Manager/Maintenance Technician
- 2.8 Appointment Sherman County Public/School Library Board: Janet Pinkerton
- 2.9 Resident Incentive Program Appeal: William Thurston
- 2.10 Resident Incentive Program Appeal: Sharon Ramsey
- 2.11 Budget Transfers/Payments

#### 3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Relocation of Telecommunications Equipment Update
- 3.2 Giles French Park Updates
- 3.3 Early Learning Hub Update
- 3.4 Wasco Annex Roof Proposals
- 3.5 Skeleton Weed Concerns
- 3.6 Courthouse Repairs Chimney Crack
- 3.7 Sherman County Wireless Internet Subscriber Stats
- 3.8 Thank You Letter Shelby Kaseberg
- 3.9 Commissioner Reports

#### 4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of September 4, 2013
- 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary August
- 4.3 Treasurer's Report July Revised
- 4.4 Treasurer's Report August

#### 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 MINUTES

September 18, 2013

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

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

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<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to authorize Sherman County Court as Program Head, and Amber DeGrange as Fiscal Manager and Project Manager for the receipt of Early Learning funds from Oregon Early Learning Division for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Vote: unanimous.

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<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve a month-to-month Office Space Rental Agreement between Sherman County and Dale A. Coles for Sherman County Prevention office located at 302 Scott Street, Moro, Oregon, in the amount of \$420.00 per month to be effective October 1, 2013 and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: unanimous.

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<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy to sign the Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement by and between Sherman County Court and Integrated 3D, an Oregon partnership company. Vote: unanimous.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Judge Gary Thompson to the Early Learning Hub governance board. Vote: unanimous.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2013, Revenue/Expenditure Summary for August, revised Treasurer's Report for July and Treasurer's Report for August. Vote: unanimous.

#### 1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

#### 1.1 Keith Mobley – Oregon Public Broadcasting – Presentation

Keith gave a presentation on Public Broadcasting in Oregon outlining some facts about media in the state and why he, as Chairman of the Board of Oregon Public Broadcasting, plans to visit all 36 Oregon counties during his two year term. He is looking for opportunities to unite public broadcasting with events and activities in every Oregon county. The goal is to bring newspapers, radio and television together to share their content with OPB and its partners while using that content themselves; and also increase the quality and quantity of news reporting across Oregon and SW Washington. Keith told the Court that he wants to pass on what others should know about Sherman County. Judge Thompson told him about the September 25<sup>th</sup> grand opening of Cottonwood Canyon State Park.

#### 1.2 Georgia Macnab, Jennifer Zimmerlee – RV Park – Recommendations for Park

#### Rates; Restroom/Shower Facility Issues

Georgia introduced Jennifer Zimmerlee, RV Corral camp host, to the Court. Jennifer distributed a handout to the Court relating some of the things she has done since she began on May 17<sup>th.</sup> New rate proposals more comparable to other parks in the area were presented, as well as some suggestions for improvements to the campground. Some of the things Jennifer suggested were: horseshoe pits, a picnic pavilion, a dedicated tenting area and fire pits. She indicated that the Wi-Fi signal is not adequate to cover all 33 sites. Georgia and Jennifer said that the existing RV Park rules are outdated and primarily for fair time and they would like to prepare new sets of rules for monthly customers and overnight visitors. The Court told them to develop a proposal for new rules and for their improvement ideas to present at the next Court meeting.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith to approve updated RV Park rates as recommended, to become effective January 1, 2014. Vote: unanimous.

Georgia told the court that the restrooms are painted and in use and look good. However, there are still problems including flooding and the lack of adequate ventilation. Commissioner Smith suggested having Hire Electric look at the fan system to see if the humidity sensors could be adjusted or bypassed. Jennifer said that the rough texture of the floors makes it nearly impossible to clean them thoroughly. She suggested sanding the surface to a smoother texture and resealing it. She also said that because of the slope of the floors, water does not run toward the drains, which are above floor level, but in all directions; water from the showers runs out into the main bathroom area. A general contractor needs to be contacted to make recommendations on the best way to correct these issues.

## 1.3 Brad DeHart, Brad Lohrey, Mark Coles - ODOT/Sheriff/Road Department - Mud Hollow Bridge

Shawn Payne and Rod Asher were also present for this discussion, as well as Bert Hartman, ODOT Bridge Section Manager (on speaker phone).

Brad DeHart wants to investigate the amount of county support there is for changing the scope of work proposed for the Mud Hollow Road Bridge project and directing some of those funds toward improvements to other county roads. The cost of the scouring project would be about \$600,000.00. Sheriff Lohrey said that this would affect two residences: Welk's and Fields', and his 17 years as Sheriff he has used the Hwy. 97 access only one time for a genuine emergency. Rod Asher's concern is access for fire suppression equipment. Because primary fire response would come out of Wasco, it would be faster to get to the

residence at the north end of Mud Hollow from Hwy. 97 than from the south end of the road. Sheriff Lohrey estimated that the response time from Biggs to the north residence of Mud Hollow would increase about 5 minutes if they had to take the alternate route.

Rod Asher asked if it would be an option to leave the bridge for "emergency vehicles only" DeHart said that ODOT would still be liable for upgrades and maintenance. Shawn Payne said she would not like to see the loss of an access road; leaving the residents with only one way out. DeHart asked if the Court felt it is worth \$500,000.00 to keep this access, considering that the intersection on Hwy 97 has a very poor sight distance for vehicles.

Commissioner McCoy asked how much maintenance the road required. Mark Coles said that the road was once paved so upkeep isn't substantial. The road is no longer used by trucks hauling grain. He said that the property owners need to be contacted. Shawn Payne said that land owners don't consider the same things that emergency services do when it comes to providing assistance.

Commissioner McCoy asked if the County could present a positive reason to close this road to the residents and landowners. There will have to be public hearings to gather input. DeHart and Mark Coles will meet and put together a fact sheet detailing the pros and cons of the proposal. They will come back to the Court with their findings, after that a public hearing would be scheduled. Bert Hartman indicated that he would like a decision in the next few months; he would hope for road improvements.

The Court discussed the option of doing nothing and to continue using the bridge as long as it is deemed safe.

## 1.4 Amber DeGrange, Theresa Olsen – Juvenile Director/Prevention Coordinator – Youth Investment & Early Learning Funding; Project Alert Contracts; Community Advisory Council (CAC)

The County will probably get the same amount of funding this year as last, about \$24,000.00. The intent of these funds is to sustain the programs without administrative dollars. Amber indicated she presently has time to act as the Fiscal and Project manager of the program. The state Early Learning Division will contact Amber on how to proceed.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to authorize Sherman County Court as Program Head, and Amber DeGrange as Fiscal Manager and Project Manager for the receipt of Early Learning funds from Oregon Early Learning Division for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Vote: unanimous.

Youth Investment funds: \$12,500.00. The high school has been the primary recipient of these funds in the past. Provided the funding is available again, the programs that would be continued are: Client Specific, Project Alert and Summer Youth Employment.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to increase Project Alert funding by \$1,000.00 for 2013-2014 fiscal year with Youth Investment funds from Children, Youth & Families Activities line item. Vote: unanimous.

The Court reviewed the contracts for Ron Sutherland and Howard Gonser for services provided in the Project Alert Program.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve Sherman County Prevention Coalition contract agreement between Sherman County and Ron Sutherland for services provided in the Project Alert program for the period October 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$1,750. Vote: unanimous.

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Amber DeGrange said that the State Youth Investment Council will be giving a presentation in Wasco County and that Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties will be invited.

Amber wants to see the County Advisory Committee membership process organized. Commissioner Smith suggested that the membership application go to the CAC first for provisional approval and to make recommendations to the Court for official appointment. Melva would write letter of appointment; however, she needs to know the term limits of appointments. Amber will get this information to Melva.

Theresa Olsen said she was not interested in being on the CAC Board. Amber recommended the removal of Natalie Wilkins from the Board, as there are two NCESD representatives on the Sherman CAC.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy to remove Theresa Olsen and Natalie Wilkins from the CAC. Vote: unanimous.

There was a question about why Carol Mauser is on Sherman County's Board. She does serve Sherman County through DHS. Amber will contact her to see how she plans to serve in regard to the CAC. Recommended appointing Charmayn Alley as CAC member.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith to appoint Charmayn Alley to the CAC Board. Vote: unanimous.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy to hire Theresa Mobley as Sherman County Community Advisory Council (CAC) Coordinator. Vote: unanimous.

Need to talk with Debbie Hayden about the best way to compensate Theresa since she is already a County employee.

Melva will write letters to all appointees once she receives contact information from Amber.

#### 1.5 Rod Asher – Weed Department/Grounds – Grounds Maintenance

Rod Asher was present in regard to the August 21st County Court minutes pertaining to the county grounds maintenance issues. With the addition of the Wasco Annex property, Rod said that Tom Macnab's grounds maintenance duties have greatly increased. Judge Thompson told Rod that the Wasco Annex isn't the problem; it's the Courthouse grounds that are unacceptable. Rod said that he recently took the time to look over the grounds and did see several areas where improvements can be made. He has gone over this with Tom and from now on Tom will not just mow the grass and move on to another property, he will weed eat, clean the sidewalks, remove debris, etc. before moving on to another job. Rod said that the problem with water spots on the windows is primarily because of the wind. The sprinklers are set to run from 1-3 a.m. two days a week and there is no a way to adjust them at that time if there is a problem because the courthouse isn't accessible during these hours. Rod noted that Tom, on many occasions, comes in on days off to check things out if there has been a storm, or there is an event at the Senior and Community Center to take care of any maintenance issues. He also checks on DeMoss Park on 3-day weekends. Tom and Rod frequently stop at the Wasco Annex to set up and/or move sprinklers when they are in that area on a spray job. Judge Thompson said the Court plans to have a new sprinkler system installed at the Wasco Annex in the future. Rod requested that on future sprinkler system projects, adjusting the system be part of the bid specifications. Roger Whitley will begin taking on more grounds maintenance responsibilities at the Wasco Annex. Rod told the Court that there are dead tree limbs and branches at the Senior Center and

DeMoss Park that should be addressed. The Court discussed having Mike White do trimming/tree removal/stump grinding, whatever needs to be done.

Melva will locate a landscape architect to develop a design for the Courthouse grounds. After that the Court discussed having a professional landscaping crew come in to do the early spring and early winter tasks so that the upkeep throughout the summer will be more manageable for whomever is responsible for week to week routine grounds maintenance.

Commissioner McCoy told Rod Asher and the Court that he had a call from a local farmer who questioned why he wasn't notified by the Weed Department about a large patch of Skeleton Weed found on his property. Rod said that in the past he has contacted the farmer/land owner, but many landowners are absentee landowners who don't take an interest in the weed problems of the county. He feels that through newsletters and meetings he is carrying out his responsibility of notifying property owners of problems. If he finds a significant problem he does contact the landowner. Commissioner McCoy urged Rod to communicate with the farmer or landowner if there is a weed problem on their land. Rod gave Commissioner McCoy his cell phone number so landowners/farmers can contact him directly if they have concerns.

Judge Thompson asked if BLM had been notified about the weeds on their property. Rod said that he has gotten little response from BLM. He said that much of Sherman County's north-end weed problems come from Washington state.

Commissioner Smith asked about the Deschutes Corridor spray project. Rod said that it has gone OK, with some glitches that are being worked out.

#### 1.6 Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Expense Projections

Debbie presented expense projections. The revenue/expenditure history from 2000/01 through 2012/13 was reviewed. She recommended that the Court review the numbers and she will answer questions they may have.

A Property Tax Foreclosure is approaching on October 7<sup>th</sup> on the Orin Donahoe property in Grass Valley. It includes a manufactured home and the land it is situated on.

#### 2.0 ACTION ITEMS

#### 2.1 Proclamation - 2013 Food Day Oregon

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2.2 State of Oregon Department of Education Youth Development Division 2013-2014 County Intergovernmental Agreement

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#### 2.3 Declare as Surplus- 2002 Chevrolet Blazer

The 2002 Chevrolet Blazer, property of Tri County Corrections and more recently used by the Assessor's office will be declared as surplus. It will be advertised in the Times Journal and the Sherman County E-News.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to declare as surplus a 2002 Chevrolet Blazer. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.4 Prevention Office Rental Agreement

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interior and exterior windows and gutters at the Sherman County Courthouse. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.7 Job Description – Property Manager/Maintenance Technician

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#### 2.8 Appointment – Sherman County Public/School Library Board: Janet Pinkerton

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to reappoint Janet Pinkerton for a community member position on the Sherman County Public/School Library Board for a term of four years to expire June 30, 2017. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.9 Resident Incentive Program – Appeal: William Thurston

The Court reviewed William P. Thurston's appeal and determined that because the Finance Director did not receive his application he is not eligible for the Resident Incentive check this year.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to deny a written appeal from William P. Thurston for the 2013 Resident Incentive Program since an application was not received by the Sherman County Finance Director. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.10 Resident Incentive Program – Appeal: Sharon Ramsey

After reviewing Sharon Ramsey's appeal the court concluded that she is not eligible because she is no longer a Sherman County resident.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to deny a written appeal from Sharon Ramsey for the 2013 Resident Incentive Program since she is no longer a resident of Sherman County. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.11 Budget Transfers/Payments

Reviewed a letter from Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, requesting the Court to authorize Budget Transfers/Payments.

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from SIP Community Additional Fees Fund to County Fair Fund and County Library Project in an amount totaling \$61,093.93 as requested. Vote: unanimous.

#### 2.12 Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement

Integrated 3D<sup>TM</sup> would like to give a presentation on their business but want a Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement signed first. They would like to meet with the Court in Executive Session as soon as possible.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy to sign the Mutual Non Disclosure Agreement by and between Sherman County Court and Integrated  $3D^{TM}$ , an Oregon partnership company. Vote: unanimous.

#### 3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 3.1 Relocation of Telecommunications Equipment - Update

The cable on the wireless system is splitting and needs to be replaced. The supplier has been contacted and will replace the defective wire. Because of costs involved with installation of the new wire it would be prudent to relocate the towers before the wire is replaced. Plans are to move the Moro tower from MCP to the fairgrounds near the rental house. A Grass Valley relocation site has not been secured yet. Commissioner Smith said he may approach the Grass Valley City Council again. Jeff Kaser will be contacted again about MCP helping with moving costs of the project.

#### 3.2 Giles French Park Updates

Still going through the process; nothing is going to happen in the near future. Met with the Corps of Engineers and answered more questions. A formal process should begin in October or November and would take at least 18 months to come to completion.

#### 3.3 Early Learning Hub - Update

Reviewed an email from Dan Spatz regarding the governance board. At some point someone from Sherman County will be appointed to the formation board committee.

<u>Motion</u> by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Judge Gary Thompson to the Early Learning Hub governance board. Vote: unanimous.

#### 3.4 Wasco Annex Roof Proposals

A new bid was received from Stalcup. Commissioner Smith expressed concerns about the bids. The contractors are bidding on the same basic project, but the warranties are different. He is concerned about the wind's effect on material being mechanically applied. Commissioner Smith will contact Milt Ketchum for advice on the project.

#### 3.5 Skeleton Weed Concerns

Discussed with Rod Asher earlier in meeting (Appointment 1.5)

#### 3.6 Courthouse Repairs – Chimney Crack

Judge Thompson reported that there is a crack on the outside of the chimney and he's concerned that it could break and fall. The extent of the problem is not known; a professional needs to look at it and make recommendations. Commissioner McCoy or Judge Thompson will contact Jim Andrews from Portland who has done historic restoration projects in this area.

#### 3.7 Sherman County Wireless Internet Subscriber Stats

Reviewed current statistics.

#### 3.8 Thank You Letter – Shelby Kaseberg

Reviewed.

#### 3.9 Commissioner Reports

McCoy- Library Board meeting. Arla Melzer is retiring and it appears unlikely that a suitable replacement will be found for minimum wage. The board will ask Sherman County to subsidize \$3.00/hr for this new position. Attended MCCOG and CREA meetings.

<u>Smith</u> – MCCOG meeting, Oregon Connections Conference, AOC District meeting, Fair Board meeting. Will miss October 16 Court meeting.

<u>Thompson</u> – CREA meeting, helped with information for BETC meeting, HUB meeting. Met with the Corps of Engineers. Working with Curry County on possible wind project. Working on a solar program with Oregon Raceway Park to become the first off-grid raceway in the US.

#### 4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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#### 5.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT

4:12 pm

ATTEST: KITALIJUSO

DEPUTY CLERK

COUNTY JUDGE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**