



Court Agenda

April 4, 2018

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**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY HEARINGS ROOM**

MINUTES

April 4, 2018

Opened Court: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Joe Dabulskis, Administrative Assistant Kayla von Borstel

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Carrie Pipinich, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District – Quarterly Report

Present: Carrie Pipinich, Fred Justesen, Erik Glover, Perry Thurston

Carrie Pipinich, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD), presented a quarterly report. A meeting was held with Judge Thompson, MCEDD, and the cities, to discuss broadband Request for Proposals. Three proposals were received by the deadline to consider. Another meeting will be held to meet with each respondent to work on next steps of what it would take to serve the community. All respondents involved are private providers, which service would be outsourced to. Commissioner McCoy stated part of the service can be paid for by increased charges from the provider to the users, as the County should not finance the majority of the project. Currently the project would provide broadband only to those who resided within the cities, and not to those spread throughout the County. Carrie responded that if the wireless systems can be used in the cities, those who lay outside of city limits will have more bandwidth and better service. Frontier TeleNet upgrades to the system will improve capabilities as well. It would be a great economic development to get the cities hooked up to broadband as it increases home value. Brief discussion was held on the broadband project in Maupin.

MCEDD has been working with the John Day River Territories on projects, and to incorporate support for Sherman County and tourism in businesses. MCEDD will apply for a Rural Environments (RARE) student for added support. A grant through Travel Oregon will provide kiosks to be implemented; the contractor has faced some challenges meeting deadlines.

MCEDD adopted updates to their Regional Economic Development Strategy which includes the top 10 rated projects within Sherman, Wasco, and Hood River Counties. Sherman County's Workforce Housing ranked first, Biggs Service District Water System ranked second, and South Sherman Fire & Rescue Fire Hall ranked tenth.

A meeting has been scheduled for April 12, 2018 to discuss next steps for the Biggs Service District Water System.

1.2 9:15 a.m. Patti Fields, Sherman County Historical Museum – Quarterly Report

Present: Patti Fields, Carrie Pipinich, Fred Justesen, Erik Glover, Perry Thurston, Andy Anderson

Patti Fields, Sherman County Historical Museum, presented a quarterly report. Patti thanked the Court for their continued support for the museum and historical society. The museum is making progress on being known widely to the public; the number of Countries logged in the visitors book increased from last year as well.

An invitation was extended to the Court on April 18th, 2018 to the dedication of the Camp Rufus sign. The sign represents World War II when the Army Corp of Engineers set up camp west of Rufus; they conducted experimental tests making a pontoon bridge in case the bridge across the Rhine River was ever destroyed.

May 1st, 2018 will kick off the open season for the museum. On April 29th, 2018 they will host a free day from 1-4pm to preview current exhibits. The museum is collaborating with the community on the Moro Art Walk; they will also continue to feature the local artists program. Patti has been booking schools to provide tours, as well as to present at some of the senior communities in The Dalles. This year will mark 50 years of the John Day Dam. Patti is also working on digitization of the Sherman Journals.

Patti continues to look for additional grants for the museum. Currently a grant from the Sherman Development League allows for temporary exhibits; a matching grant will also be applied for through Wasco Electric. Patti noted the red bridge at the museum front needs some repair. Citizens donated \$4770 in honor of Sherry Kaseberg's birthday, which will allow a new website to be launched. Patti participated in an annual gathering of Sherman County cemeteries, in which it was discussed how to help those who come looking for genealogy. She is also taking part in a program that teaches National standards in museums.

1.3 9:30 a.m. Erik Glover, Moro City Administrator – Downtown Improvement Program

Present: Erik Glover, Fred Justesen, Perry Thurston, Andy Anderson

Erik Glover, Moro City Administrator, informed the Court the Moro Main Street Façade and Streetscape application had been finalized. The Council agreed on a 75/25% reimbursement rate to maintain interest in the program early on, and the rate might be decreased later to 50/50%. A conflict of interest clause was added to the application to eliminate any chance for confusion; no applicant would be permitted to be on the Committee, and final determination would be made by the Council. The Court asked if Moro was seeking \$20,000 in additional match funds for the program; Andy responded that was correct. Brief discussion held to see if there were any funds available.

The City of Moro has been obtaining estimates for their street repair program, which will implement work at 5th and Hood streets. The County owns some irrigation lines that require movement; Judge Thompson reported the move is part of the Courthouse construction plan. Andy stated they will be working to achieve a minimum of a 22 foot street throughout town.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve additional funds in the amount of \$20,000, for the City of Moro Main Street Façade and Streetscape Program, contingent upon the Cities of Wasco and Rufus not reserving the right to hold their funds by the April 20th, 2018 deadline.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0
Abstain: 0

1.4 10:00 a.m. Joel Madson, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority – Annual Update

Present: Joel Madson, Fred Justesen, Amber DeGrange, Amy Asher

Joel Madson, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority (MCHA), provided an annual update on the region. Sherman appoints three members to the MCHA board: two citizens and one elected official. MCHA bases work on five value statements: Healthy habits take root more easily in stable affordable homes, Children in stable homes learn and achieve more in school, Home recharges us for the work and school day, When we take pride in our home we can take pride in our community making it a safer place to live, and Affordable homes allow people to spend more and support the economy. MCHA achieves its mission of offering affordable housing based on four primary lines of business: Administrations of rental assistance programs, Connect participants with appropriate services in the community, Development and long term ownership, and Home ownership resources. Mid-Columbia Community Action Council has a similar rental assistance program that is intended to be short term, whereas MCHA can provide multiyear assistance. There are standards that individuals must meet in order to qualify for assistance through MCHA, such as low/fixed income for the elderly and those with disabilities.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is their largest rental assistance program, which provided \$325,955 in rental payments last year. Family self-sufficiency is another service provided to work with individuals on goals to increase income and reduce dependency on welfare assistance. MCHA invested \$1,000,000 on minor home repair to help families avoid foreclosure. Brief discussion held on Sherman County rental programs. There is a current wait list at MCHA as of January of 2018, as there is not enough money to fund everyone at once. An issue that MCHA is facing is the issuance of vouchers that are not able to be used, as available housing cannot be found; 4 out of every 10 vouchers are returned. Court inquired about MCHA building low income homes in Biggs. Joel replied it is a possibility.

1.5 10:30 a.m. Amy Asher, Prevention/Community Outreach – Quarterly Report

Present: Amy Asher, Amber DeGrange, Fred Justesen

Amy Asher, Prevention/Community Outreach, informed the Court that Paw Pals has approximately six weeks left, and volunteers are needed. The Family Fair is scheduled to be held at the Moro Park on June 7th, 2018; she has received great response so far. Bracelets with a prevention message will be ordered for the swim bus kids as a means to help identify them, and keep them safe.

The Pack basketball season went well; students really want to build school spirit and she is working hard on increasing prevention. To enroll, students sign a pledge to be encouraging and supportive during activities, and be a positive influence to those around them while being drug and alcohol free. She continues to seek funding to run The Pack.

Amy believes children are in the most danger in terms of substance abuse, mental health, and stability as there is not family engagement as there used to be. Her focus for the year will be to have four activities a year that connect families together. Another focus of Amy's is educating the public on the evolution of vaping devices. Vaping devices have been adapted for marijuana use. These devices can look just like a USB flash drive, can be charged by computer or batteries, and can be used with CBD oil or hash. Vaping devices fit in the pocket or hand easily, and can certainly be missed on a child in today's society. The marketing has been aimed at children, as they are in the most addictive stage of their lives.

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corp (OYCC) application deadline was missed. The grant funds a total of \$12,000, which covers crew salaries. The older kids in the County rely on this program as it is hard finding work if you are not connected to a farm, or do not have transportation. Amy applied for a Marine Board grant which is a different type of OYCC program. This program focuses on the motor boating ways on the three rivers instead of within the communities. She will know in April if any funds will be awarded. If the grant is not awarded, the program will not be able to be implemented unless funded from another source. County Court advised Amy to speak with the Budget Committee if the Marine Board grant is not awarded. Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Department, reported the County historically already matches \$10,000 every year. Amy stated another option would be to scale back the project and apply for an education grant through the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Next year Amy may ask Court to reevaluate the designated hours for her position, and increase hours from half time to three-quarter time, as there are not enough hours to get everything done. Commissioner McCoy suggested the school pick up and pay for more of the services. Amy stated the school provides significant staff time already.

1.6 11:00 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Public Records

Motion by Judge Thompson, second by Commissioner McCoy, to enter into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Public Records.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

County Court entered Executive Session: 11:13 a.m.

Discussion held on internet security.

County Court exited Executive Session: 11:29 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve \$10,451.18 for an assessment and penetration test to be completed by RedHawk Network Security, LLC.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.7 3:00 p.m. Mark Coles, Road Master – Asphalt Oil Quotes

Present: Mark Coles

Mark Coles, Road Master, presented an asphalt quote for chip seal to the Court. Generally two quotes would be received; however one company cannot make what the Road Department needs to complete the job. Last year chip sealing was not completed. Mark believed the quote reflects the rest of the oil prices and the current economy. Chip sealing will be a big project this year, and will start after Memorial Day.

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Blue Line quote of \$385 per ton for CRS-2, \$35.50 per ton for freight, and \$225 per hour for the distributor for the chip seal program during the 2018 season.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Brief Discussion held on the road department helping with the cottonwood state park road.

Mark informed the Court the City of Wasco has been in contact with him in regards to a speed zone study. The State found a speed zone study that had previously been done many years ago, and the City of Wasco has a copy. Sherman County never received a copy of the study as the jurisdiction was labeled "Wasco". Another preliminary study is in process for Scott Canyon; Mark will bring the City of Wasco and Scott Canyon studied together for Court approval.

Additions to Agenda

2.0 Action Items

2.1 DeMoss Park Grandstand & Stage Building Stabilization and Renovation

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the hiring of the architect and engineer to provide cost estimates on the stabilization and renovation of the DeMoss Park Grandstand and Stage Building as historic structures. Estimates are not to exceed \$2,000 with additional fund requests allowed for consideration.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Brief discussion held on the use of the building.

~~**2.2 Sherman County and State of Oregon Rufus to Wasco Fiber Grant Agreement**~~

~~**2.3 Sherman County and Frontier TeleNet Intergovernmental Agreement**~~

2.4 Tri-County Community Corrections Employee Compensation

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve an employee compensation step increase for Kimi Hulke, as recommended by the Tri-County Community Corrections Board.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Rental Housing Loan – Austen Martin

No loans can be made to extend the length beyond one year in which the construction takes place under the construction bridge loan. No motion was made.

3.0 Discussion Items

~~**3.1 Health Insurance**~~

3.2 No Growth County and Opportunity Zone Funding Opportunities

Commissioner McCoy spoke with Nate Stice, Regional Solutions, who stated the use would be for the wind farms as the capital gains could be invested into a new project. Judge Thompson believed this is something the County needs to look into.

3.3 Biggs Long Range Plan

The issue between the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the developer has been resolved. Discussion was held on creating long range plans, and completing all studies ahead of time so the individual could then submit their application, and all pieces would be in place when they are ready to build. The property the County owns in Biggs has a land use is commercial only; no houses can be built on it currently. The Court agreed to have a plan completed within a reasonable cost for any kind of development that could take place in that area.

3.4 Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program

Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program allows for organizations to apply every year for a student intern to live in the organization's County for 11 months, and work on specific approved projects. Sherman County has had a RARE student in the past, and Judge Thompson believed it would be good to apply for another student. The application requires listing types of projects eligible for the student to complete. County Court agreed to apply for a RARE student, and the projects to use were repowering and workforce housing. If chosen, the State pays 50% of the student's wages.

3.5 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Dabulskis – Met with Secretary of State Dennis Richardson; met with Congressman Greg Walden; will be attending discussion with Senator Ron Wyden during the Court recess.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended Center for Living; attended Immigration and Customs Enforcement resisters at the Bull Dog Diner; met with Secretary of State Dennis Richardson; attended Mid-Columbia Community Action Council; attended hazardous mitigation plan review; met with Nate Stice, Regional Solutions; attended North Central Public Health District budget meeting.

Judge Thompson – Attended Region 4 Manager Selection Committee for final interviews; attended Mid-Columbia Economic Development District dissolution of a 501c4 that was inherited from Mid-Columbia Council of Governments; met with Secretary of State Dennis Richardson; met with Congressman Greg Walden; attended John Day Core Team; attended broad band meeting; attended a juvenile hearing; attended Oregon Department of Transportation conference call.

Brief Discussion held on the John Day Core Team Meeting.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of March 21, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0
Abstain: 0

4.2 Claims – March 2018

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Claims for the month of March 2018 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

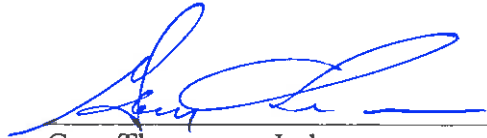
Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

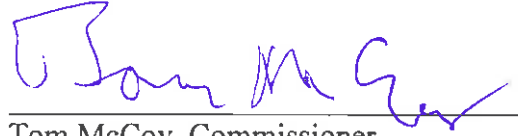
Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

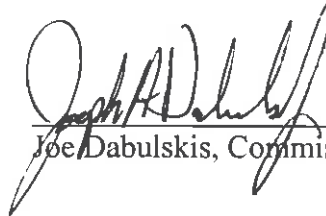
Sherman County Court



Gary Thompson, Judge

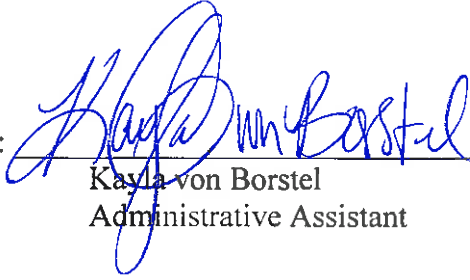


Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner

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