



Court Agenda

April 18, 2018

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- 1.6 10:45 a.m. Nate Stice, Regional Solutions – Quarterly Report
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**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY HEARINGS ROOM**

MINUTES

April 18, 2018

Opened Court: 9:01 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. Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace – Quarterly Report

Present: Ron McDermid, Larry Hctor

Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace, submitted a quarterly written report to the Court, to which he also presented. Staffing levels in the Sheriff's Department during the past year had an impact on the Justice Court Office; fewer deputies writing tickets create a decrease in work and revenue for Justice Court. Currently there is a deficit of \$74,981.25, however, that will be decreased by end of fiscal year. Filings have increased in the third quarter of fiscal year showing 910 filings. If the trend continues it would put Justice Court above the deficit level. He also stated it not unusual to have less filings of a certain nature. There is an Oregon State Police (OSP) Patrolman within the County and OSP tickets have increased during the last fiscal year. Less revenue comes into Justice Court from OSP tickets than from County tickets; however it is appreciated to have a robust patrolman presence of the two entities combined. County Court inquired if the Sherriff's Department was currently fully staffed. Ron stated he believed they are one deputy short still.

Brief discussion was held on the Fair Board seeking new building construction information.

1.2 9:15 a.m. Mary Lou Martin, Public Library – Quarterly Report

Present: Mary Lou Martin, Larry Hctor, Shawn Payne

Mary Lou Martin, Public Library, presented a quarterly report including budget information to the Court that was approved by the Library Board. There were no changes to the budget from last year, with the exception of yearly staff raises. The library budget will be forwarded to the Budget Committee for final approval with a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Commissioner Dabulskis inquired on an item labeled as school 1%

increase. Mary Lou explained that is her COLA, as she is employed by the School District, and they only approve a 1% increase. The rest of library staff are public employees, employed by the County, and receive the Court approved COLA. Pictures of activities completed throughout the year were presented to the Court from the Young Infant program, Preschool, Eclipse program, Fairy House making, Movie nights, time with author Patrick Carmen, summer reading program, and crafts and stacks. Additionally the library has been showcasing their new logo with their monthly brochure. Mary Lou reported the students have been using the 3D printer a lot as well. Lastly staff has been giving technology help on smart phones and laptops. Mary Lou stated there are still some window leakage problems.

1.3 9:30 a.m. Shawn Payne, Emergency Services – Quarterly Report

Present: Shawn Payne, Larry Hocter, Amber Degrange

Shawn Payne, Emergency Services, submitted a quarterly written report to the Court, to which she also presented. She stated in addition to items listed in her report on activities, she wrote a Hero Grant to the Office of Rural Health for the continuance of advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) education. The grant was awarded for \$2,500. There are students who recently finished advanced training and two of those will take an intermediate course. Digital radios were purchased and received, however, are not currently programmed. Day Wireless will be contacted for programming. Pagers were also received and were programmed. A critical incident stress debriefing was held for the crew due to the passing of an infant involved in a call. Debriefing is not mandatory, but it is available to those who want it. The Ambulance Service Advisory Committee would meet later that evening.

1.4 9:45 a.m. Rod Asher, Weed District – Quarterly Report

Present: Rod Asher, Shawn Payne, Larry Hocter, Wes Owens, Brad Lohrey, James Burgett

Rod Asher, Weed District, submitted a quarterly written report to the Court, to which he also presented. In regards to employees, he is always looking for seasonal hires. Rod has struggled with this as locals are not interested in the positions; hiring employees out of the area is his only option. The set wage is great, however there are no benefits offered; to many people, benefits are expected. The new shop for the Weed District has proven very useful; an open house during the Oregon State University Field day is being considered. There have been more repairs on equipment needed recently due to the larger crews Rod has been managing. Crews have been fixing equipment themselves instead of hiring out the work. Rod is looking to replace the old sheriff's pickup the Weed District acquired with a newer pickup within the next year. Due to wear and tear, and the pickup no longer fits their needs. Rod reported the Weed Board continues to meet quarterly; in December they reviewed the weed list and no changes were needed. The Board will be following up this year with Azure Standard on the prior weed violation issue. He has spoken to their neighbors and everyone seems satisfied with their weed control.

Commissioner McCoy stated he would like a report on sending crews out with backpack sprayers for the Deschutes program, and if it's accomplishing what's needed, or if the program needs to be reevaluated for areal spray. The program has run for six years with the County and the Weed District expending a lot of time and money with little improvement on Skeletonweed. Rod stated they have collected data every year using Global Positioning System (GPS) points, and there are quite a few sites that are being revisited, however, these are small patches and using areal spray might be excessive. Rod reported that there are more chemical fallow fields in the North County compared to South County, which help keep Skeletonweed at bay in crop fields, as traditional fallow helps spread the seeds. Additionally, areal spray cannot be done within riparian buffers due to regulations. Brief discussion held on Grounds Maintenance; County Court suggested Grounds Maintenance create a manual on how all systems run with the new Courthouse.

1.5 10:00 a.m. Wes Owens, Sherman School District – Quarterly Report

Present: Wes Owens, Brad Lohrey, James Burgett, Shawn Payne, Larry Hctor

Wes Owens, Sherman School District, thanked County Court for continued support. The School District is in the Strategic Planning Process. The previous plan was completed in 2011 for the years of 2012-2017, which ended in December 2017. Currently the new plan is being put together, which includes what they are proud of, items for improvement, visions for the future, etc. The school has two big initiatives that are continuing to do well. The School District and students have been very busy as the school is currently administering State Testing, and working on their third class for Hall of Honor.

Wes stated the safety and well-being of students and staff is the number one priority for the School District. For the last two years the Safety Committee, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Mid-Columbia Transportation have partnered to create an Active Shooter Plan to keep the school safe. A tour of Garden Valley School District in Idaho took place to view their implemented Safety Program. Response time in small rural communities can sometimes take up to 45 minutes in certain situations, so creative ways to cut down response time is need. School policy for Sherman County states that no staff or volunteer, may carry a concealed weapon; however, State law allows visitors to carry concealed weapons. The School Board authorized a policy change that states no staff or volunteer would be allowed to carry a weapon until deputized with training by the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. Wes stressed that even though policy changes were made, no changes have gone into effect. Garden Valley School District, implemented a program where staff are trained to have access to weapons located strategically around the school should the need arise during an active shooter event; many aspects of Sherman's Active Shooter Plan will mimic those of Garden Valley. James Burgett, Sergeant, reported Sherman County is further ahead in training and equipment in the planning process compared to Garden Valley which made him feel very comfortable about the future program. This is a permanent long term solution; if deputies are at the Courthouse when an active shooter call is received, it still takes two to three minutes minimum to reach the school, in which a lot of harm can happen during that time. Active shooters target areas with no weapons as it is easy to access. Clear signage should be installed stating staff is armed, trained, and willing to protect children, as it would be a huge deterrent to those kinds of people. Shawn Payne, Emergency Services, gave an example of an active shooter drill at the Goldendale Courthouse. During the drill it took law enforcements 6 minutes to enter the Courthouse, 10 minutes to apprehend the two assailants, and in 90 seconds, there were 3 fatalities and 9 significant injuries.

County Court inquired as to how the plan has been received by the public. Wes responded the School has been as open as possible to the public on the topic; however, they want to err on the side of caution to not give all the details away that could be used to override the plan by an active shooter. No complaints have been received. A motion was passed at the last School Board meeting for Wes to work with the Sheriff's Office and Insurance Company to move forward with the plan, and creating an interim and long term program. To implement a program with insurance and proper equipment, such as every staff having their own vest and training on Stop the Bleed program (medical support), the first year implementation is believed to cost under \$80,000 with every year beyond that costing under \$20,000. Some staff will be armed while some will not, but it is important that each staff have a vest. Their vest will be of a different color with a label to identify the individual as a teacher, and will contain a tourniquet and blood clotting agent. Hiring a School Resource Officer instead of staff training has come to their attention, however it was stated that would be more costly on a year to year basis, as well as still putting the school at risk on the Officer's day(s) off. Staff will receive different levels of training on lethal force and recognizing threats.

Threat training for staff has started, with the next level of training taking place at the end of the week. For those who will be armed, they will be required to be State Certified, and have extra training through the Sheriff's Office. Brad Lohrey, Sheriff, informed the Court in regards to deputizing armed staff, there will be costs associated and liability with insurance, however, it is not different than having a reserve deputy on hand. Extra

costs will also be incurred with extra hours for deputy training and ammunition. Larry Hactor, Budget Committee, told Wes to present at the next Budget Committee meeting if the School District would like to seek some funds.

1.6 10:45 a.m. Nate Stice, Regional Solutions – Quarterly Report

Present: Nate Stice, Larry Hactor, Jenine McDermid

Nate Stice, Regional Solutions, presented a quarterly report on housing, broadband, wind power, meat processing, and hemp processing. The Obtainable Housing Revolving Loan Fund Subcommittee approved the first multifamily duplex development project for 36 units in Hood River County; he wants to make sure Sherman County and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) promote the Revolving Loan Fund as an additional incentive when discussing their own housing incentives with the community. The Revolving Loan Fund rules were specifically written to be used in lieu of bank financing. County Court inquired if Austen Martin's project would be acceptable for the Revolving Loan Fund. Nate replied Austen was approved for a loan; however, his terms broke the model they are following to have the loan revolve every five years. The rules in place must be adequate to serve Sherman, Wasco, and Hood River Counties equally. Nate noticed there was housing developing for single family rentals on the Vista Lots in Rufus.

In regards to Broadband, MCEDD will be submitting an application into the Regional Infrastructure Fund and has done a Request For Proposal for last mile fiber in Sherman County. Regional Infrastructure will award each region \$200,000 and each is also allowed to compete for \$1.8 million. Priorities for our region are around fiber, housing, and wind energy.

Nate has been attending Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone (CGBREZ) and Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) meetings, has been covering Gilliam County as well informally, and will be learning more on the wind power industry to help serve the Counties as best as he can. Nate invited three policy advisors to tour the Gorge and discuss wind energy in the latter part of June possibly in The Dalles; he encourages Court to attend.

Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD, and Nate visited with Carol von Borstel, Grass Valley City Administrator and Paul Sather, community member, on meat processing. Paul's ultimate goal is to find jobs for Sherman County residents. There is lots of interest throughout the region; however the market in Oregon is unclear if there is a demand for additional capacity. Keith Nance, Wasco County community member, has been involved in feasibility, and encouraged Paul to meet with him.

Lastly, there was a bill passed in the legislature that directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to come up with a program to certify hemp seed. Previously, there was not a route that State agencies were comfortable with while working with GV Development Properties in seed certification. ODA stated to Nate that long term they want to support the hemp industry in Oregon. Judge Thompson reported there is a Federal Bill being introduced to a Committee in Washington D.C. that separates hemp and marijuana into two separate classifications.

1.7 11:00 a.m. Jenine McDermid, Clerk – Quarterly Report

Present: Jenine McDermid, Larry Hactor

Jenine McDermid, Clerk, presented a quarterly report. She attended a County Clerk Conference and a City/County Insurance Conference in February. There was a Board of Property Tax Appeal hearing on February 28, 2018; there were no appeals that were filed timely. One appeal came in late; the property owner was contacted to explain the process. This individual might file again in fall. Jenine and Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk,

participated in signature verification training webinar for recognizing accurate versus forged ballot signatures. The next election will be held on May 15th, 2018. Jenine has ordered drop boxes for the Courthouse; one ballot box and one general County business, with a drive up option. Both boxes have option to be locked closed when not in use. House bill 4007 was signed which increases recording fees with an effective date of June 2, 2018. The County does not retain any of the fees; all fees collected go to the State. Items affected by this change are recorded documents and loans. Jenine is also working on the property insurance renewal. Commissioner McCoy asked if there was employee internet security training set up yet as requested by Court at previous sessions. Jenine is working with Debbie on setting up small group trainings or individual webinars.

1.8 11:15 a.m. Jenine McDermid, Clerk – 2018-2019 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant Application, Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement, & Resolution

Present: Jenine McDermid, Larry Hoctor

Jenine McDermid, Clerk, presented the annual County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant Application. She gives forms to the Tax Collector, Assessor and Treasurer to have them enter their information on form one and two on Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and staffing issues. The FTE for the Assessor's Office was proposed to increase in the next fiscal year with Budget Committees approval. Form three was an explanation of the numbers provided which are based on proposed budgets, in which Budget Committee will meet on April 23rd and 24th to review. Form four was filled out by the Assessor regarding number of accounts and changes on actuals versus estimates in the last year. Form five was based on tax collection and distribution numbers. Form six was the number of deeds worked per year which was estimated at 400 for next year. Form seven was the summary of expenses showing all FTE that affects assessment and tax processes. It was noted to have an expected change due to a different software provider. Application submittal would be \$527,459 in which only a small percentage would be awarded.

Motion Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the 2018-2019 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Program Grant Application, Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement, and Resolution in the amount of \$527,459 and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.9 11:30 a.m. Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace – Courthouse Dedication

Present: Ron McDermid, Larry Hoctor

Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace, spoke to Court on Courthouse Dedication details. The dedication has been set for September 7th, 2018. It was decided the event would be called the Sherman County Courthouse Facility Dedication. The time was set for a 1:00 p.m. ceremony with brief discussion held on the possibility of a light lunch. Save the Dates will be created by Kayla von Borstel, Administrative Assistant, and Ron; these will be sent out three months before the event with a formal invitation to be sent at one month before the event much like Jefferson County's Dedication. Individual Departments will need to start building their invitation lists. Kayla was directed to build a list with contacts of County Commissioners and Judges from the Association of Counties website. The basic program will consist of recognizing dignitaries, musical performers, a ribbon cutting. It was noted the event should not last too long in case of unfavorable weather. Ron wants to have event programs printed which will include a lot of acknowledgments. Kayla will keep Ron on task with deadlines.

1.10 1:00 p.m. Aaron Lafky, Community Member – Starvation Lane

Present: Aaron Lafky, Larry Hocter, Brad Lohrey, Mike Smith, Carrie Pipinich

Aaron Lafky, Community Member, spoke with the Court in regards to Starvation Lane usage for Cottonwood Canyon State Park and go over updates. Judge Thompson met with Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish and Game, along with many other agencies at the Lower John Day Core Team (LJDCT) meeting which discussed this topic. It was stated at the meeting park development had been on hold Canyon State Park manages all ground within park boundaries, which includes some BLM land. Aaron stated the BLM land was not originally included in the land use for the park, and BLM has no camping restrictions on their land. At the LJDCT meeting Judge Thompson discussed the boat launch needed to be built first and then build the access road, and inquired if Sherman County Road Department could help get it done this spring. No firm answer was given. Aaron believes State Park's planning to date has been inept, and he agreed to work cooperatively with them as long as their planners followed through and implemented development.

As of April 18, 2018 Aaron filed a tort claim with the State of Oregon stating State Parks was in violation of their master plan and land use approvals, and the road needs to be improved as recreational visitor usage interferes with his ability to farm. He also stated the County will be receiving a copy of the tort claim and the State is pushing back the issues onto Sherman County. Commissioner McCoy remarked the road and parking lot needs to be built inside the park to direct traffic away from Aaron's property. Aaron replied the issue with that statement is Starvation Lane does not have any base rock, so after an amount of precipitation, users tear up the road, which makes it difficult for hauling product. Legislature guaranteed his right to farm, and stated Cottonwood Canyon State Park is not to impede on productivity. Aaron stated Cottonwood Canyon State Park is not zoned properly to exist as a State Park, it is zoned Exclusive Farm Use. Brief discussion was held on the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant to help fix the road. Judge Thompson provided BLM a map of Sherman County owning Starvation Lane that was dated in 1887 before BLM land existed there. Aaron reiterated he has waited five years for State Parks to develop the necessary areas, and the FLAP grant isn't going to happen anytime soon.

Commissioner Dabulskis asked Aaron if he came to Court with a recommendation on proceeding forward. Aaron suggested Sherman County needs to enforce the land use ordinance, and make the State act. If not, the issue will continue as the Park website publicizes the boat launch is open. He stated Cottonwood Canyon State Parks land use approval stipulated they must have road maintenance agreement in place with Sherman County, and they pay any impact that it has caused; however, an agreement was never put in place by State Parks. He also suggested sending a cease and desist letter of no parking, no use of boat launch or unauthorized activities, and closing the gate to create pressure on State Parks to move forward of building a road and a boat launch up river and to discourage use of Starvation Lane. He pointed out the County is spending money when it should be the State of Oregon paying for the remedial actions. Georgia Macnab, Sherman County Planner, would need to send a letter in regards to land use ordinance noncompliance.

1.11 1:15 p.m. Brad Lohrey, Sheriff – Quarterly Report

Present: Brad Lohrey, Larry Hocter, Mike Smith, Carrie Pipinich

Brad Lohrey, Sheriff, presented a quarterly report. There have been 217 responded calls which is more than usual. Brad is in the process of hiring a new deputy in the coming weeks. The department received six exceptional applicants during the advertisement. Judge Thompson inquired if Brad had two incredible candidates, could he use an additional deputy. Brad replied he could, however, he will wait to ask in a year for a second deputy. He stated the Sherman tax payers don't use them as much as the time spent at Biggs Service District, on the rivers, and on Highway 97. Biggs Service District is expanding and he is uncertain how that will

affect the Sheriff's Office at this time. An Oregon State Trooper located in Sherman County has been taking calls for the Sheriff's Office after they are off duty.

Currently Brad's largest concern is Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility (NORCOR). Sheriff's from all four Counties that make up NORCOR (Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco, and Hood River) met to discuss some issues. Brad asked Court to consider setting aside \$40,000 during the Budget Committee meeting for a walk through X-ray scanner to be housed at NORCOR. The total cost is approximately \$170,000 at bulk rate, and NORCOR budget does not have money to spare. The Sheriff's discussed the Counties possibly spitting the total cost equally to make the purchase possible; NORCOR board would need to provide some funding as well. A scanner was never needed previously as the officers would perform body cavity searches for illegal substances. Body searches average one positive result in substances hidden internally per year; this year there have been six positive results in substances found. They can no longer perform cavity searches to help make sure the individuals do not die from substance overdose due to new rules and regulations set in place. If an individual dies while in NORCOR custody, the liability is assumed by the four Counties, as there is no way for the Officers to know if the individual is in possession of substances internally. It is recommended by the Sheriffs, insurance, and attorneys to purchase the scanner to deter litigation charges. Brad will need to bring this information to the Budget Committee Meeting.

The Sheriff's Office will be obtaining a new car after a drunk driver wrecked one of the patrol cars last September. James Burgett, Sergeant, is doing an outstanding job in his position. Brad reported that traffic crashes are currently down, and the "Shoot, Don't Shoot" simulator program is currently being used as a tool to train the Deputies and school staff for another few weeks.

1.12 1:30 p.m. Mike Smith, Community Counsel Solutions – Lot request

Present: Mike Smith, Carrie Pipinich, Larry Hocter

Mike Smith, Community Counsel Solutions, spoke to the Court about possible land for Community Counsel Solutions (CCS) housing next to the Wasco Events Center (WEC). CCS is currently focused on the Diversion Program right now and the Behavioral Rehabilitation Service (BRS) might be revisited in a few years. They have worked again with the City of Wasco and the WEC Board, who are very supportive of CCS's idea. The County has two empty lots next to the WEC, and if CCS could use them, it would use up much less of the WEC space for parking. The baseball field was originally looked at; however it would use two-thirds of the land for parking. The city could potentially vacate the street between the building and the lots making it a driveway, which would go through to the neighborhood and give a lot more room to build and designate parking. The CCS Respite House would only take up a minimal portion of baseball field, so the field may stay intact. County Court inquired as to what the County's lots would be used for; Mike replied for parking and they would need to work with the church on parking as well. CCS wanted to know the County's commitment before moving forward any further. Mike suggested a long term lease with the County, and if anything happens, those lots would come back to the County. County Court asked if CCS would pay rent to the WEC. Mike responded yes, and CCS would be interested in potentially renting a few rooms, the gym and library from the WEC as well. The Respite House would bring jobs to the County as well. County Court agreed to support CCS so they may move forward working on an agreement with the city.

Brief discussion was held on fiber.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Sherman County and State of Oregon Rufus to Wasco Fiber Grant Agreement

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement No. RS1607, between Sherman County and the State of Oregon, for the Sherman County Broadband Fiber Project connection for Wasco to Rufus fiber, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

~~2.2 Sherman County and Frontier TeleNet Intergovernmental Agreement~~

2.3 Association of Oregon Counties Celebration of Life Donation

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve a \$200 Celebration of Life donation to the Performing Arts Program at Lakeridge High School in honor of Nina Heidgerken.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 2018-2019 VOCA SST Non-Competitive Grant Application & MOU's – Victims of Crime Act

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the Victims of Crime Act Support Services & Training Grant Application 2018, and the Memorandum of Understandings between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Peachy & Meyers, P.C for legal consults, as well as between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Mid-Columbia Center for Living for behavioral health services, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Nomination – Sherman County Local Community Advisory Council – Ashley Danielson, Nadja McConville

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the nomination of Ashley Danielson and Nadja McConville to serve as members on the Sherman County Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC). The nominations will now be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) which makes the official appointments.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

~~2.6 2018 2019 County Assessment Function Assistance Program Grant Resolution~~

2.7 Sherman County Broadband Initiative Match Funding

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve submission of a response to the Regional Infrastructure Fund open application, due April 30, 2018 with a request for \$200,000 to support construction of the network in partnership with the chosen private provider. In addition match the funds invested by the Cities to provide additional matching funds for the grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Brief discussion was held on a potential low interest loan for fiber to the homes in the four cities (Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco, and Rufus) in Sherman County which should be connected to Sherman County Fiber. Brief discussion was held on fiber in Biggs. Along with the Request For Proposal on fiber, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD), is submitting a Broadband application for Sherman County to the Regional Infrastructure Fund that is due April 30; Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD, is looking for the approval of match funds and to proceed with submission. The County would like to see a business plan.

2.8 Sherman County Transit Written Quarterly Report

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the written Transit Quarterly Report as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Biggs Service District Bonding Counsel

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the hiring of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, as Bond Counsel for the Biggs Service District to move forward with the Biggs Service District Water System Project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

One of next steps in the Biggs Water System Project is a requirement to hire Bond Counsel for the United States Department of Agriculture grant application. Bond Counsel hire was included in the project budget. A revenue bond could possibly be used, which would need to be in place before the application can be approved.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 No Growth County and Opportunity Zone Funding Opportunities

Department of Land Conservation and Development received some resources to do studies around economic opportunity with a focus on land use constraints. Each State designates a certain percentage of the low income census tracts. Business Oregon is working on a process to gather input on which of those they should include in their recommendation; the Governor will work with Business Oregon and Regional Solutions collaboratively. Once the Governor signs off on the recommendation, it is sent to the Federal Government. Opportunity funds will develop, yet no one really knows much detail of the outcome. These funds will be a mechanism for

investing in low income census tracks. If funds are invested into the opportunity zone fund, those funds are not required to pay capital gains tax. It was mentioned this might work well with wind energy projects.

3.2 County Counsel

There is not a contract with Will Carey's Office currently. Ruben Cleaveland has agreed to take on Sherman County in Will's place. It has been recommended the County go out for a Request For Proposal (RFP) to have a legal contract for Legal Counsel. Carrie Pipinich, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, reminded the Court she believed the RFP would need to be included in the Biggs Service District Water System Project Application to the United States Department of Agriculture. Kayla von Borstel, Administrative Assistant, will create the RFP.

3.3 Senior Center Written Quarterly Report

The Court reviewed and approved the report.

3.4 Veterans Service Officer Written Quarterly Report

The Court reviewed and approved the report.

3.5 Sherman County Fair Board Written Quarterly Report

The Court reviewed and approved the report.

3.6 Juvenile Department Written Quarterly Report

The Court reviewed and approved the report.

3.7 Planning Department Written Quarterly Report

The Court reviewed and approved the report.

3.8 Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty Regime

This is a treaty between the United States and Canada in regards to the Columbia River and its tributaries. County Court believes someone from the region needs to be at the meeting. The Court will check with other County Commissioners to see if anyone can go.

3.9 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Dabulskis – Attended Garden Valley School safety tour; School Board meeting.

Judge Thompson – Attended Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone; Frontier TeleNet; Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Loan Board; Regional Solutions Housing.

Brief discussion was held regarding a well on County property in the Biggs Service District. The site is clean of contaminants and is safe for drinking purposes if the County so chooses. Department of Environmental Quality needs to know the outcome of the well. County Court agreed they would like to cap the well and use it as a reserve well.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended Community Advisory Council; Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy

Zone; North Central Public Health District.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of April 4, 2018

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – March 2018

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of March 2018, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Treasurer's Report – March 2018

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the Treasurer's Report 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 3:05 p.m.

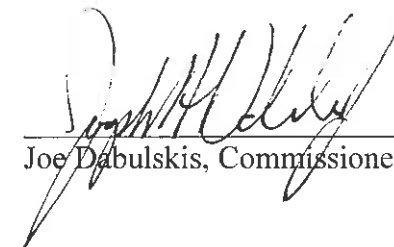
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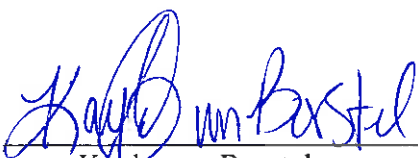
Gary Thompson, Judge



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kayla von Borstel
Administrative Assistant