



Court Agenda

May 16, 2018

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***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 HEARINGS ROOM**

MINUTES

May 16, 2018

Opened Court: 9:07 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.

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

None

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Budget Transfers/Payments

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to authorize budget transfers/payments as recommended by the Finance Director, including \$95,000 from the County General Fund, \$50,000 from the Road Reserve Fund, \$540,000 from SIP Additional Fees, \$2,000 from the Parks Fund, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Resolution – In the Matter of the County Court Approving the Transfer of Funds Within the County General, Community Transit, CAMI, Emergency Services, DA-V/WAP, General Road, County Fair, Wellness Center, Tri-County Veterans', Driver Education, Early Learning Services, Senior Center, Courthouse Facility, Resident Incentive Program, and SIP Additional Fees Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve, as recommended by the Finance Director, a Resolution In the Matter of the County Court Approving the Transfer of Funds Within the County General, Community Transit, CAMI, Emergency Services, DA-V/WAP, General Road, County Fair, Wellness Center, Tri-County Veterans', Driver Education, Early Learning Services, Senior Center, Courthouse Facility, Resident Incentive Program, SIP Additional Fees Funds and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Biggs Service District Water System Project Administration and Contingency Fund

Sherman County received a proposal from Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for administration services for the Biggs Service District Water System project in the amount of \$30,000. Commissioner McCoy had some concerns as to the amount requested. Judge Thompson stated it's based on a percentage, 1.5%, of the total grant amount. MCEDD will be administering a large amount of day to day management on the Water System project. It was asked if they would be negotiable to 1% administration fees totaling \$20,000. Judge Thompson will speak with MCEDD. Additionally, Judge Thompson was made aware the contingency fund for the project was budgeted too low for the total project amount, and it should be increased.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve Mid-Columbia Economic District to engage in grant administration services for the Biggs Service District Water System project, to last through project completion, and collect a fee of \$20,000 for their services, with the ability for Judge Thompson to renegotiate terms if the work warrants an increase.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to increase the contingency fund for the Biggs Service District Water System project from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.2 Pacific North West Economic Region 2018 Annual Summit

The Pacific North West Economic Region Annual Summit will be held in Spokane during the month of July. During the summit individuals can be met from Oregon, Washington and Canada as it involves the Columbia River Treaty. Judge Thompson will be at the National Association of Counties conference during the summit, and would like to see one of the Commissioners attend.

Brief discussion was held on renewable energy.

3.3 Department of Land Conservation Development

Land Use laws need to be adjusted for Sherman County to grow; however, nothing can be done about it currently. Commissioner McCoy would like to have specific questions or issues to bring up to the Department of Land Conservation Development (DLCD) during the scheduled workshop. Farmers are facing issues of not being able to build more than one house on a piece of property. There is a rule in place that states an individual must earn a certain amount of money from the piece of property and the land must be of a certain size, in order to build on it. There is non-resource land in the south and north ends of the County that are worth very little; it would be beneficial to many to have the ability to utilize the land in a different way. Some concern was stated with non-farmers living outside of city limits, and building over profitable farm ground putting the farm-ability and stability of the County at risk.

3.4 Association of Oregon Counties/Department of Land Conservation & Development/Oregon Housing & Community Services Housing Workshop

Discussion took place during the topic above. There is a housing workshop set for May 30th, 2018 centered on Land Use laws.

3.5 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Dabulskis – Attended Library Board meeting – still having issues with window leakage; Community Renewable Energy Association; RARE student interview; Klickitat Public Utility District tour.

Judge Thompson – Attended Army Corp of Engineers; Lower John Day ACT; Met Senator candidate from Bend; Safety Committee; Community Renewable Energy Association; Met with David Brown; Association of Oregon Counties; RARE student interview.

Brief discussion was held on a possible 911 center in Rufus.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended Community Action Council; Senator Merkley meeting; Center for Living; North Central Public Health District; RARE student interview.

3.6 Building Permits

Judge Thompson attended Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) meeting on building codes. An individual sued building codes and the State of Oregon lost. Building codes was hiring inspectors that do not possess the correct qualifications, which is against Oregon Constitution. Cities must reapply to building codes every so many years to verify their agency buildings are legal; many will reapply July 2018 which will be denied due to this issue. Judge Thompson was told the Wasco County office currently providing building codes will potentially close. Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties will need to discuss moving forward on having the State permanently take building codes over, or to hire another entity to administer the services.

3.7 Federal Trapper

Dean Dark, Federal trapper, submitted a verbal resignation to Judge Thompson ending his position no later than fall 2018. County Court is unsure what the future holds for a new trapper. Funds are budgeted for 2019 to continue Sherman County's share in the employment of a trapper. The Federal Government will take care of the hiring process.

3.8 Renewable Energy Information

Avangrid will continue to move forward on the Golden Hills project, and will install larger turbines. Avangrid discussed inputting solar and battery into all their current facilities. Judge Thompson is unsure how that affects Strategic Investment Program. Met with David Brown, Obsidian Finance, wind farms in Sherman County are at

33% production, if they install solar it increases power to 50% between the two. If batteries were to be installed along with the solar it increases power to 66%, and if there was hydroelectric it increases to a full 100%.

3.9 Opportunity Zones

David Brown, Obsidian Finance, is interested in Opportunity Zones being an entity that brings funds in, and then disperses them. He's been in contact with a mini server farm, and is interested in the industrial side of Rufus. Sherman County as a whole is an Opportunity Zone for investors. Carolyn Meece, Business Oregon, is on the agenda for June 6, 2018 to explain Opportunity Zones in further detail.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of April 18, 2018

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of May 2, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the minutes of May 2, 2018, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – April 2018

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

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.4 Treasurer's Report – April 2018

Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of April 2018, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

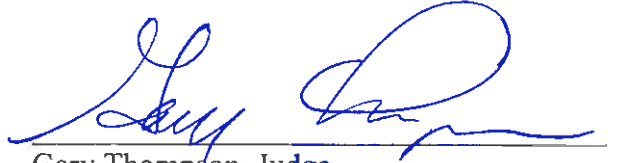
Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

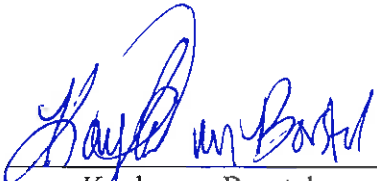
Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

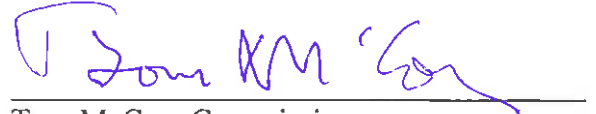
Sherman County Court



Gary Thompson, Judge

Attest: 

Kayla von Borstel
Administrative Assistant



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner