



Court Agenda

February 20, 2019

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- 2.8 Oregon State University (OSU) Ag Extension Agent Position
- 2.9 Biggs Service District Water Ordinance #11-7-18 Approval

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- 1.2 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Marnene Benson-Wood – Transit – Quarterly Report
- 1.3 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Nate Stice – Regional Solutions – Quarterly Report
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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 COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Opened Court: 9:13 a.m.

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

- 1.1 ~~9:00 a.m.~~ 9:15 am **Georgia Macnab – Planning – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy List (CEDS)**

Present: Carrie Pipinich, Georgia Macnab, Bert Perisho, Jeff Wallace

Georgia Macnab, Planning Department, reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list with the County Court; she will send it to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for their board to officially rank the projects. Georgia reminded County Court they needed to rank the list for the top 10 projects. Commissioner McCoy asked to eliminate the 911 Center in Rufus. Georgia stated the City of Grass Valley did not submit any projects, and South Sherman Fire & Rescue pulled their Fire Hall off the list for this year. The County ranked the projects as follows: 1-Workforce Housing; 2-Rural Fiber; 3-Biggs Service District Water System; 4-Fairgrounds Event Center; 5-Wasco School Events Center; 6-Cities of Rufus, Wasco, and Moro Emergency Generators; 7-Moro Water System/Telemetry Upgrade; 8-Rufus Water Metering Update and Upgrade of Well; 9-Wasco Road Resurfacing; 10-DeMoss Park.

- 1.2 ~~9:30 a.m.~~ 9:45 am **Marnene Benson-Wood – Transit – Quarterly Report**

Present: Georgia Macnab, Bert Perisho, Nate Stice, Brian Walsh, Jeff Wallace

Marnene Benson-Wood, Community Transit, gave County Court an update on the Transit quarterly report. She stated the first page of the report was all zeros as it is all volunteer based. The second page listed the total passenger one way rides with the majority of the rides being for senior and disabled individuals, as well as, listing revenue and expenses; the total revenue was \$483,785.97 for the year, and agency expenses were \$630,153.96. This shows the department negative until they receive their requested funds. Page three was on grant information; the first one has all been completed, the second one was discretionary funds from the new

transit vehicle, the third one was for Special Transportation Funds (STF), which was operating funds that were cut back last year. Page four showed the fourth the grant to purchase a smaller American Disabilities Act (ADA) vehicle with a ramp, and Asset Management which is the vehicle inventory. Non-ADA vehicles can no longer be purchased and receive funds for it. Page five shows the bus barn expansion. Marnene also reported that the Transportation Department was short on drivers, and Paula King, Transportation Coordinator, would be retiring in May 2019.

1.3 9:45 a.m. 10:00am Nate Stice – Regional Solutions – Quarterly Report

Present: Nate Stice, Brian Walsh, Bert Perisho, Georgia Macnab, Caitlin Blagg, Jeff Wallace

Nate Stice, Regional Solutions, gave a quarterly report. He stated that the Court would need to appoint a Commissioner to the North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee; under the Charter of the Committee, each County in the region is entitled to one City representative and one County representative. Kayla von Borstel, Administrative Assistant, reported that Judge Dabulskis was appointed at to the Committee during the prior meeting. Nate has been keeping up with Frontier TeleNet (FTN) meetings to see if there was anyway the State could be of assistance. The Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) Economic Opportunity Analysis project meetings were going well, and he wants to make sure the County is gaining useful information from it. Nate mentioned there could potentially be funding again through DLCD for a housing needs analysis, and the County should look into pursuing this option if it became available. Brief discussion was held on the Broadband project funding, and FTN.

1.4 10:00 a.m. Georgia Macnab, Planning – Public Hearing – Rural Renewable Energy Designation Zone (RREDZ)

Opened Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.

Present: Nate Stice, Brian Walsh, Bert Perisho, Georgia Macnab, Caitlin Blagg, Jeff Wallace

Appointment 1.3, Nate Stice, Regional Solutions gave his quarterly report at 10:00 a.m. after the Public Hearing opened, and before the Public Hearing discussion started, due to the schedule delay.

Georgia Macnab, Planning, stated the Public Hearing was taking place to consider the Rural Renewable Energy Designation Zone (RREDZ) for renewable energy only that would be a property tax relief for rural renewable projects County wide, and acts similar to an Enterprise Zone; an Enterprise Zone however only covers the Cities. The County possessed a RREDZ previously, except it expired in 2017. Georgia has sent notice to the Special Districts, Cities, Fire Departments, Biggs Service District, and the County, with no feedback received. The Zone can be designated up to \$250 million; Sherman County capped the amount at \$50 million on the last RREDZ to bring in small projects on a three year limit, and have the larger projects apply under a Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP). Georgia stated the County cannot make extra agreements to the terms in RREDZ, as the Court is accustomed to seeing with the SIP's. She mentioned the application and process were the same for an individual requesting a project for RREDZ and for an Enterprise Zone. Brian Walsh, Avangrid Renewables, stated he was in favor of using the RREDZ; this would be another tool to incentivize Avangrid to come to Sherman County implement to projects, as SIP agreements for small projects does not make economic sense; RREDZ would be a much more appropriate option. Judge Dabulskis asked what was the depreciation of a solar panel; Brian stated a panel should have a life of 20-25 years. Brian also stated that Avangrid would like to come to Sherman with a battery storage project, as it's more realistic to locate the project in Sherman with the tax incentive through RREDZ. Discussion was held on keeping the \$50 million cap, or amending the proposed agreement to increase the amount to the limit of \$250 million.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to amend the proposed draft resolution in the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Sherman County

in the matter of requesting that the Oregon Business Development Department designate a Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone (RREDZ) in Sherman County Oregon with the County of Sherman setting the amount of real market value (RMV) for qualified property that may be exempt in this RREDZ from \$50 million to \$250 million, based on the RMV of property for the assessment year at the start of the exemption immediately after property is placed in service.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the resolution as amended during Sherman County Court in the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Sherman County in the matter of requesting that the Oregon Business Development Department designate a Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone (RREDZ) in Sherman County Oregon, and authorize the County Court to sign.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Closed Public Hearing: 10:35 a.m.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Coordinating Care Organization (CCO) Boundary Change

Bert Perisho, Chairman of the Sherman County Health District Board, spoke to the County Court regarding the Coordinating Care Organization (CCO) Boundary Change. He stated the Moro Health Clinic's interaction with the Eastern Oregon Coordinating Care Organization (EOCCO) has not been a good experience, and does not feel all of their services are being met. A Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) meeting was held to discuss the opportunity to switch to the Columbia Gorge Coordinating Care Organization (CGCCO) due to the change in boundaries. Bert and Caitlin Blagg, Office Manager, felt that the CGCCO was a better option regarding service for the Clinic and its patients, compared to the EOCCO, which the Clinic is currently under. Bert discussed it became a large issue with insurance when an individual has to go out of boundary for services. He would like to submit a request to the Court to make the change. Bert believed there was push to stay with the EOCCO, even though it doesn't benefit Sherman patients. The Clinic patient load that would be affected by staying with the EOCCO would be 14 percent. Bert reported if the EOCCO remains, the Clinic will have to step down their support of the LCAC, and they will need to move forward with what would be best for all of their patients. Commissioner McCoy reported the EOCCO stated at the LCAC meeting they would solve specific issues and concerns that were stated during the meeting, and the CGCCO has offered to integrate with Sherman as well. Bert mentioned the Sherman County Health District Board has gone to EOCCO before with concerns with not much resolve. Commissioner McCoy asked that if there are additional concerns to please submit them for the EOCCO to consider. No action was taken at this time.

2.2 Appointment – Senior Center Advisory Board – Janet Pinkerton

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Janet Pinkerton to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term of 3 years to expire December 31, 2021.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Appointment – Grant Housing Review Committee – Gary Thompson

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Gary Thompson to the Sherman County Grant Housing Review Committee.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Appointment – North Central Public Health District Board Community Representative – Roger Whitley

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Roger Whitley to the North Central Public Health District Board for a term of 2 years to expire December 31, 2020.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Resignation – North Central Public Health District Board Community Representative – Linda Thompson

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to remove Linda Thompson from the North Central Public Health District Board.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Resignation – Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) – Kari Silcox

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to remove Kari Silcox from the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC).

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) County College Tuition – Commissioner Bird

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) County College tuition for Commissioner Bird in the amount of \$750 for the 2019 year.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.8 Oregon State University (OSU) Ag Extension Agent Position

Judge Dabulskis asked Cindy Brown what would happen if the Ag Extension Agent were to be hired and took over some of the duties she has been doing; Cindy stated she would do more State related tasks, and might not be around as much. The budget was questioned on the line item for the T1 line to the building as there is County fiber hooked to the Burnet Building already. Judge Dabulskis will look into this as it could save approximately \$700 per month if eliminated. Wasco County was not initially approached to help fund the Ag Extension Agent position; they have now been asked to pay 25%. Wasco County would like some time to gather more information before making a decision. Commissioner McCoy suggested approving the proposal with a cap for a new extension agent which will be housed in Sherman County.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve Oregon State University (OSU) proposal for an Ag Extension Agent to be housed in Sherman County, with total County cap set at \$120,431.00 for the OSU budget.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Biggs Service District Water Ordinance #11-7-18 Approval

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Biggs Service District Ordinance #11-7-18, in the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Sherman for an ordinance establishing regulations regarding connections, operations, and rates for water services for the Biggs Service District.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Senior Center Head Cook Resignation

Cindy Heater-Judah, Senior Center Head Cook, will be retiring soon, and Kari Silcox, Senior Center Manager, has placed an ad for her replacement. It was stated Commissioner Bird would sit in on the hiring committee to represent the County Court.

3.2 Commissioner Reports

Judge Dabulskis – Attended Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) meeting; Met with Gilliam County Judge for CREA background; Discussion with Sherriff Bettencourt on Frontier Regional 911; Community Advisory Council (CAC); Met with County Council, Frontier TeleNet phone conference; Safety Committee; Mid-Columbia Economic Development District boards. Many canceled meetings due to inclement weather.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended Community Advisory Council (CAC); Potential Ag Extension Agent meeting; Grant Housing Review Committee; Frontier TeleNet. Many canceled meetings due to inclement weather.

Commissioner Bird– (written report submitted) – Attended Community Advisory Council (CAC); Fair Board; Sherman County Area Watershed Council; Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District; North

Central Public Health District; North Central Livestock annual meeting; Setting up hours of credit with Association of Oregon Counties to catch up with County College; Grass Valley City Council – handed in resignation to the Council; Spoke to Marnene Benson-Wood and Debbie Hayden to understand Budget Process.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of November 7, 2018 – Revised

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve minutes of November 7, 2018, as amended to section 1.2, and supersedes the previous set of minutes adopted on January 16, 2019.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of December 19, 2018 – Revised

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve minutes of December 19, 2018, as amended to section 1.1, and supersedes the previous set of minutes adopted on February 6, 2019.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Minutes of January 16, 2019

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.4 Minutes of January 30, 2019

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.5 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – January 2019

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of January 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.6 Treasurer's Report – January 2019

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

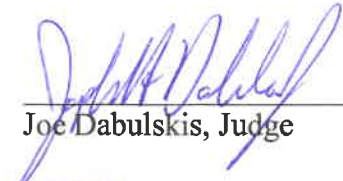
Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy

No: 0


Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Sherman County Court



Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest:



Kayla von Borstel
Administrative Assistant