

SHERMAN COUNTY COURT WORK SESSION SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

JULY 8, 2019

Present: Judge Dabulskis, Commissioner McCoy, Commissioner Bird, Judge Farrar, Commissioner Kramer, Tyler Stone, Judge Morley, Commissioner Wilkins, Aaron Cook, Georgia Macnab

The work session opened at: 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss distribution of Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) Building Codes reserves:

- Wasco County took over the Building Codes program from the City of The Dalles as of July 1, 2019. They currently hold the Building Codes reserves in a trust, and need to distribute each County's share to fund their Building Codes program.
- Per the Counties requests, the State of Oregon prepared a distribution of reserves for MCCOG's Building Codes program, based on the percentages of permit fees generated by each County from 2013-2017; with 83% to Wasco County, 7% to Sherman, 7% Gilliam, and 3% to Wheeler.
- Tyler Stone, Wasco County Administrative Officer, read a letter drafted in 2013, stating a 77% decline in revenue; leaving the reserve account to \$400,000 in 2013.
- Judge Farrar, Gilliam County Judge, stated Gilliam County would like to see 25% of the reserves as their share. Their consensus was that each County involved were partners, and should have an equal share. She stated windfarms provided large amounts of funding into the Building Codes program and helped sustain the program.
- Judge Dabulskis stated he would like to see at least 14% Sherman County; Commissioner McCoy stated he believed 12% was fair.
- Discussion was held on each Counties' plan for their future Building Codes program.
- Tyler Stone and Commissioner Kramer stated the City of The Dalles should have a significant claim to 99.9% of the reserves, based off of the figures. They would like to come up with a resolution that would appeare all involved.
- Discussion was held on whether Wheeler County would turn over their share of reserves. If they intend to go with the State Building Codes program, they would not be able to use the funds.
- Gilliam and Sherman County will present a 10% offer to their Courts, and Wheeler County will discuss their options further.

The work session was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Sherman County Court

of Dabulskis, Judge/

Tom McCoy, Commissioner

Joan Bird, Commissioner

Kayla von Borstel

Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Kristi Brown

Deputy Clerk/Temporary Administrative Assistant