



## Court Agenda

September 4, 2019

### Additions to Agenda

Avangrid Wind Farm/Solar Farm Tour – 2:00 p.m.

#### **1.0 Appointment Schedule**

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Cindy Brown – OSU Extension – OSU vehicle
- 1.2 ~~9:15 a.m.~~ 9:10 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – PERS
- 1.3 9:30 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Documents
- 1.4 2:00 p.m. Avangrid Wind Farm/Solar Farm Tour

#### **2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 Sherman County Library - Window Replacement

#### **3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facilities (NORCOR) Inspection
- 3.2 Biggs Motel Property
- 3.3 Policies – Mileage and Visa
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**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**Opened Court: 8:58 a.m.**

Present: Judge Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Joan Bird, Deputy Clerk/Temporary Administrative Assistant Kristi Brown

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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Avangrid Wind Farm/Solar Farm Tour – 2:00 p.m.

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Cindy Brown – OSU Extension – OSU vehicle**

Present: Cindy Brown

Cindy Brown, OSU Extension, requested a written quote from the County, for the retired Veterans' Services Chevrolet Traverse. Due to OSU's policy, in order to purchase the vehicle from the County she would need to provide them with three comparable quotes. She will report back after the quotes have been submitted.

Judge Dabulskis inquired as to who the new Extension Agent would be; Cindy replied Jacob Powell had accepted the position, and is intended start September 16<sup>th</sup>. He will be serving both Sherman, and Wasco County.

She briefly discussed a new 4H class, 4H projects with the School, and the 2019 Fair.

**~~1.2 9:15 a.m.~~ 9:10 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – PERS**

Present: Debbie Hayden

Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, presented information on the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Employer Investment Fund, explaining the program was created to help entities pay off unfunded liability, by reducing employer contribution rates. Public Employers will be offered up to 25% in match funding, after making a lump-sum contribution into a new Side Account. Debbie presented two funding options; if the County made a \$320,000 contribution, and received \$80,000 in match funding, a \$400,000 side account would be created, and over 20 years the county would have projected savings of \$692,037.44. If a \$1.2 million

contribution was made, with \$300,000 match, a \$1.5 million side account would be created, and have a projected savings of \$2,595,140.40 over a 20 year period.

Commissioner McCoy inquired whether Debbie recommended the County take part in the program; she replied that with the program willing to match up to \$300,000, and the substantial savings the County could see, she thought it could be.

Commissioner Bird asked if the funds would be available when needed; Debbie responded he side account would belong to Sherman County, and would not be able to be used by anyone else. Although, the intention of the side account is to drop the County's rates, the funds would not be readily available.

Judge Dabulskis questioned if there was a downside; she stated her concern was with the mandatory requirement to enroll in the Unfunded Actuarial Unfunded Restitution Plan, and whether the County would be required to pay out to the Plan. However, she had learned that mandatory membership was designed to help bolster membership and cause employers to be more invested in paying for their retirees.

Commissioner Bird inquired to where the funds would come from if the lump-sum contribution was made; Debbie explained funds had already been earmarked for PERS, and the additional funding needed would come out of the SIP additional fees.

Debbie requested the Court authorize her to submit an application, to determine the County's eligibility to receive match funding.

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to allow Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, to submit a Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) Employer Investment Fund application.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **1.3 9:30 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Documents**

*Court entered into Executive Session in Accordance ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Documents.*

*Entered executive session at 9:27 a.m.*

Discussion was held on a Rental Housing Grant application.

*Exited executive session at 9:30 a.m.*

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Rental Development Grant application for Kathy Hine to build six new rental units, in the amount of \$60,000, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to approve project completion and authorize final payment.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**1.4 2:00 p.m. Avangrid Wind Farm/Solar Farm Tour**

*\*No audio recording was taken during the Avangrid Wind Farm/Solar Farm tour.*

*Court reconvened at Avangrid Wind/Solar Farm at 2:00 p.m.*

County Court received a site tour from Avangrid employees. The tour began with the Court hearing about the functional procedures of wind energy, and potential new projects. Followed by viewing a Wind Nacelle, a Wind tower, and a solar farm.

**2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 Sherman County Library - Window Replacement**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve proposal from Bend Commercial Glass in the amount of \$13,548, to replace Sherman County Library windows.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**3.0 Discussion Items**

**3.1 Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facilities (NORCOR) Inspection**

Judge Dabulskis suggested the Court tour or inspect the Jail. Consensus of the Court to tour the NORCOR facility. He will contact Sheriff Lohrey to set up a tour.

**3.2 Biggs Motel Property**

Discussion was held on selling or leasing the Biggs Motel Property. Judge Dabulskis stated Sheriff Lohrey had expressed concern with transient occupants. County Counsel had been notified of the intent to sell or lease, and would be getting the procedures to the Court.

**3.3 Policies – Mileage and Visa**

Jude Dabulskis stated the County did not have a written credit card policy, and one would need to be created. A brief discussion was held on creating a County credit card policy. Court conceded to develop a new written policy.

Court recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion held on the current County vehicle policy. Judge Dabulskis suggested revisions and additions be made to the current policy.

***Court entered into executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel.***

*Entered executive session at 10:10 a.m.*

*Exited executive session at 10:17 a.m.*

Discussion held on employee vehicle use.

### **3.4 — ~~Gorge Networks IGA~~**

### **3.5 Thank You Card- OYCC**

The Court read and accepted the OYCC thank you card.

### **3.6 Building Codes**

Judge Dabulskis reported he spoke with Tyler Stone, and Steve Kramer of Wasco County, regarding their Building Codes program. The program's proposed mileage fees were of concern, as no other Building Codes program the County had partaken in had ever charged such fee before. The Court concluded to continue the discussion at a later time, after gaining more information on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement, and fee schedule.

### **3.7 Windwave/Inland Development Contract**

A brief discussion was held on the contract with Windwave/Inland Development. County Council was working on adding a non-compete clause, and the alternate route pricing.

### **3.8 Commissioner Reports**

Judge Dabulskis – Town hall with Wyden; Mid-Columbia Economic Development District loan board; met with Jim Short from the Grass Valley store, in regards to funding and signage.

Commissioner McCoy – Mid- Columbia Housing Authority meeting; Sherman County housing meeting; Town Hall with Walden.

Commissioner Bird – Sherman County Fair; Town Hall with Walden; City of Grass Valley Council meeting; met with Jim Short from the Grass Valley store, in regards to funding and signage; spoke with Steve Allen Times journal;

## **4.0 Consent Agenda**

### **4.1 Minutes of August 21, 2019**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve minutes of August 21, 2019 County Court session, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **4.2 Claims – August 2019**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the August 2019 Claims.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

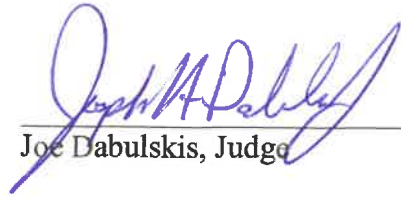
**Abstain: 0**

**5.0 Future Agenda Items**

Court recessed to tour Avangrid Wind/Solar Farm at 10:50 a.m.

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.


**Sherman County Court**

  
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Joe Dabulskis, Judge

  
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Tom McCoy, Commissioner

  
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Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kayla von Borstel  
Administrative Assistant

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristi Brown  
Deputy Clerk/Temporary Administrative Assistant