



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2020

Opened Court:

Present: Judge Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Joan Bird, Administrative Assistant Tammi Gaskey, Kristi Brown

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda
None

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:03 a.m. Al Barton – Counseling Concerns

Present: Al Barton, James Burgett, Amber DeGrange, Brad Lohrey, June Gower, Megan Stone, Wes Owens, Michael Held, Paul Yoon

Al Barton started by going back to 2015 and what services were offered and are still offered. Services can be diagnosis, treatment and/or support. Mr. Barton talked about Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), who they are and what they can do. QMHP can be a Licensed Professional or Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Dan Hoffman treats children and adults. Megan Stone is a Case Manager and teaches coping skills and provides supports to the qualified mental health professionals. Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Stone have offices in the old school here in Moro. Ms. Stone also sees clients at their homes. Dr. Ferber is a Psychiatrists and sees children 17 and younger. Dr. Colman sees adults 18 and older. You do have to travel to The Dalles to see a Psychiatrists. James Tuning is a Drug and Alcohol Counselor and he comes to Sherman County once a week and has an office in the old school here in Moro.

Crisis support 24/7 are able to respond to behavioral health emergencies.

Sheriff Lohrey said that his office would like Center for Living to give a certificate indicating that the client is no longer a danger to themselves or others. Dr. Gower said that she will look into this practice. If a certificate is not currently being given, then one should be.

Commissioner McCoy stated that he would like someone from the Center for Living to come at least once a year to Court and give a report. Commissioner McCoy also stated that when the new School Based Mental

Health Professional is hired and on board, he would like them to come to Court, present to Court and meet everyone.

1.2 9:48 a.m. Wes Owens, Sherman School District Superintendent – Quarterly Report

Present: Wes Owens, Al Barton, Megan Stone, Amber Degrange, Michael Held, Paul Yoon, Jenine McDermid, Brad Lohrey, June Gower.

Wes Owens wanted to say thank you Judge Dabulskis for coming to the School Board Meeting on Monday and for giving the School Board legislative updates. Thank you to the board and community for all of the SIP agreements, Science Teacher Grant and college scholarships that support our school and students.

Mr. Owens stated that the Student Success Act has an 84 page manual to detail how to apply for the funds. School officials are looking forward to having conversations about where that money might be infused. For Sherman County School District, it amounts to about \$250,000 available which is huge for our small school. A survey was conducted during parent/teacher conferences and 150 responses were received. School employees are now compiling the data from the surveys. Survey results are on our website if you would like to take a look.

The Library staff want to thank you for the new windows. The North Playing Field is almost complete. In the spring, the community will be able to enjoy watching Little League games. The North Playing Field project has been a collaboration between the Athletic Foundation and the school district. Auxiliary Field is almost ready and this will be a playing field as well as an area for community members. This is the last piece of the building project.

1.3 10:03 a.m. Jenine McDermid, County Clerk – Quarterly Report

Present: Jenine McDermid, Michael Held, Paul Yoon, Brad Lohrey, Cindy Brown,

No BOPTA appeals filed. We are working on preparations for the upcoming May 19th elections. Security plans have been approved by the state. We adopted a Risk Management Policy in August 2016. Now, our next step is to go through and adopt an Enterprise Risk Management Plan. This is just a higher level plan for our Risk Management Policy. We will start by having a couple meetings a year and work up to 3 or 4 meetings a year. They are giving us 2 to 3 years to get this Enterprise Risk Management Plan going. Representatives from finance, legal, human resources, public works, parks, police and fire will make up the team. The team will include all elected officials including legal counsel. This is a mandate by our insurance carrier.

Mrs. McDermid is using examples of a mission statement and agenda from another county and says we are just using more departments in our structure. They just want us to look around the county and identify things that could be risk factors.

This is more along the lines of things that could happen that could cause the County to be sued. This packet shows things that could happen; that have happened in other Counties. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce those risks. The first step is to come up with a mission statement and then go from there.

1.4 10:15 a.m. Paul Yoon, Deputy – Deputy Report

Present: Paul Yoon, Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell

Paul Yoon reports that the trash in Biggs is an issue. The trash looks bad and it flies onto Highway 30 and BLM land. It seems like the trash is coming from Pilot. If Pilot could put up a fence, the trash would blow into the fence and not onto the highway. We need additional signage on Scott Canyon coming from Wasco. Giles

French Park has a problem with homeless people camping which leads to theft, drugs and leaving trash. Army Core of Engineers is in charge of the rock beds and camp ground. The people stay for 2 weeks in the camp ground and then move to the rock beds and stay for 2 weeks and then go by to the camp ground.

1.5 10:22 a.m. Cindy Brown and Jacob Powell, OSU – Quarterly Report

Present: Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell, Dan Son, Michael Held

Cindy Brown is the Positive Economic Development side and Jacob Powell represents the Agriculture side of Extension. On the 4-H side, they use the term Positive Youth Development for 4-H. Mrs. Brown attends the Sherman Prevention meetings. A lot of what they do in Extension is prevention. They provide healthy, wholesome activities to do instead of drinking and driving and doing drugs. The challenge with that is that 4-H in Sherman County is doing a good job attracting the younger kids. Especially this year, since the funding changed and now she does more with 4-H and Youth Core. They have decided to expand out to the Cloverbuds program which is 5-8 year olds. They have 16 kids in their 4-H Cloverbuds program, most all of which are from new 4-H families. Their outreach to new families is great and they will be able to bring them into the 4-H system. Last year the program added a Drama and Photography Club. They are trying to give kids a variety of options.

On the school side, extension has a really nice partnership with the school because they are working hand-in-hand with educational activities. They continue to help provide the after school programming with the teenagers in the fall and the elementary kids with the cooking programs after school. Mrs. Brown did start going to the Educational Foundation meetings because the Educational Foundation is doing the same thing to add on and to enrich the programming that the school has. The Extension program lets the kids taste test OSU food recipes, primarily fruits and vegetables to expose them to a variety of tastes.

Jacob Powell reported that he started his new position in October and has started connecting with farmers in the area. He has been attending workshops and conferences that local farmers are at and that has been a great way to connect and get to know people.

Feb 10th from 10-3 at Columbia Gorge Community College Mr. Powell will be holding a workshop to go over firefighting OSHA regulations and guidelines.

Mr. Powell is in Moro 3 days a week and The Dalles 2 days a week.

1.6 10:44 a.m. Michael Held, Regional Solutions – Quarterly Report

Present: Michael Held, Dan Son, Georgian Macnab

Michael Held is with Business Oregon. Mr. Held is filling in for Nate Stice today and giving the Regional Solutions Quarterly Report. Mr. Held would like to come back and report on Business Oregon at another time. Evergreen State Holdings in Grass Valley did get their temporary certificate of authenticity and they are up and running again. They have been able to work through the building code issues. The Regional Solutions Team as a whole have been monitoring the situation, especially the building code division. The other update is Grass Valley Wastewater. Carrie Pipinich from MCEDD and Nate Stice have an RFQ that they are working on to come up with a process of ranking and scoring for some engineers to look at some engineering to start scoping out what that system should look like.

1.7 10:55 a.m. Dan Son, Weed Department – Lower Deschutes Weed Project Update

Present: Dan Son, Georgia Macnab, Steven Hamlin

Dan Son gave an update on the Lower Deschutes weed project. The Weed Department surveyed 32, 922 acres through the season. They would like to have an aerial survey done and then subsequent treatment down the road. The Weed Department would like to look into aerial spraying for Rush Skelton weeds. The department has made good headway on the Scotch Thistle and The Yellow Star Thistle. Mr. Son will be hiring for seasonal help to start in March or April.

1.8 11:13 a.m. Georgia Macnab – Quarterly Report & RV roof

Present: Georgia Macnab, James Burgett, Steven Hamlin, Travis West

Georgia Macnab stated that two cell tower applications have now been completed. The Repower out at Klondike will have a hearing on January 27th. The Repower is to replace the blades and upgrade the equipment to extend the life of the towers. On January 27th there will also be a floodplain ordinance update meeting. The last floodplain update was done in 1987.

Mrs. Macnab stated that the roof on the laundry side in the Sherman County RV Park is missing shingles and causing leaks. They have had the roof repaired a few years ago. The shingles keep blowing off.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the bid for the metal roof on the laundry building with updated bid from Brown Roofing and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign. All approve.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.9 11:31 a.m. James Burgett, Under Sherriff – 2nd Amendment

Present: James Burgett, Steven Hamlin, Travis West

James Burgett came to Court as a resident of Sherman County. Mr. Burgett presented the Court with a proposed pro 2nd Amendment resolution stating that the County will not infringe on 2nd Amendment rights. Currently 29 out of 36 counties in Oregon have similar pro 2nd Amendment resolutions.

What this is saying is that we will not use County resources to raid people's homes to collect guns.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve The Matter of Supporting the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution Resolution # 01-01-2020

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.10 1:00 p.m. Mark Coles, Road Master – STP Fund Exchange

Present: Mark Coles, Aaron Geisler

Mark Coles explained that they get federal dollars and they exchange the federal money with ODOT for state dollars for .94 on the dollar. This allows them to do the projects that they need to do without all the extra steps that they have to go through with federal dollars.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve 2019 Fund Exchange Agreement #33996 between the State of Oregon Department of Transportation and Sherman County and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.11 1:15 p.m. Mark Coles, Road Master – Finnegan Bridge

Present: Mark Coles, Aaron Geisler

Mark Coles and Aaron Geisler explained the Finnegan Bridge bid process. The bids will come in on January 31, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. to County Court. We will have a Special Session of County Court at 2:00 pm. On January 31, 2020 for opening bids.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Amendment to Medical Examiner Services Agreement with North Central Public Health District

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the amendment to Medical Examiner Services Agreement with North Central Public Health District.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Written Quarterly Report – Justice Court

3.2 Thank you letter from the Sherman County Historical Society

3.3 Old Business

3.3.1 Biggs – We just received a letter from USDA regarding funding and we can go from there

3.3.2 Weeds – We do not have an update.

3.4 Commissioner Reports

Judge Dabulskis – Western Governors Association meeting will be held in The Dalles; discussed Les' letter; Attended an AOC meeting; At an AOC meeting Judge Dabulskis was sworn in as a AOC Board member and as an AOC Legislative Committee member; Fire exercise in April in Redmond; Safety meeting; Dan will have County sprinklers tested at the same time as the school sprinklers; Conversation with Carrie from MCEDD about rehabilitation dollars; Started having conversations with Fire Chiefs about issues putting all the Fire Chiefs under one umbrella; New truck stop in Biggs will open at the end of February; All the windows in the Burnett Building are scheduled to be replaced Feb 21; The Library windows are fixed; attended Community Renewable Energy Association meeting; Called all the VSO applicants; Went to City of Moro City Council Meeting.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended a NORCOR board meeting, Center For Living meetings, Regional Stabilization Center meeting, VSO interviews, Sherman County Community Advisory Council meeting, Community Renewable Energy Association meeting, Tri-County Mental Health meeting, meeting with Representatives Smith and Williams

Commissioner Bird – Attended a Stabilization Center meeting; VSO interviews; Senior Center Committee meeting. Senior Center received 2 donations totaling \$1,500 for the Meals on Wheels Program, they are also having a Valentine’s Fundraiser; Sherman County Fair Board meeting, Kya Mabe is stepping down as secretary; South Sherman Fire District meeting; NCPH is going to start the process of hiring an executive director as Teri Thalhofer submitted her retirement.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of December 18, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve with corrections minutes of December 18, 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – December 2019

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

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Treasurer’s Report – December 2019

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2019, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Break at 11:57 for lunch. We will reconvene with only 2 members. Commissioner McCoy will be going to the LPSCC meeting.

Reconvened at 1:00

5.0 Future Agenda Items

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47

****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




Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 

Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant