



Court Agenda

May 6, 2020

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- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Sheriff Brad Lohrey, Sheriff's Office – Quarterly Report
- 1.2 9:30 a.m. Marnene Benson-Wood, Community Transit – Quarterly Report

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- 2.2 Appoint Dr. June Gower as the Mental Health Director Representative on LPSCC.
- 2.3 ~~Bid Opening for Red Shipping Container~~
- 2.4 Proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

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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

MAY 6, 2020

Court Opened: 9:00 am

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Sheriff Brad Lohrey, Sheriff's Office – Quarterly Report

Present: Brad Lohrey

Brad Lohrey, Sherman County Sheriff, highlighted some of the topics that the Sheriff's Office has been dealing with recently. He talked about fishing that opened yesterday and that the boat ramps are not open right now. Brad explained that The Corp of Engineers and the State did not open the ramps.

Brad talked about some of the meetings that he has been attending regarding the opening of the John Day and Deschutes rivers. Brad's opinion is to open things up if you can and let people use them.

Brad talked about the State parks in the county and how the parks should be reopening but the restrooms will stay closed.

Brad gave an update on NORCOR. He said that typically they book 250 people a month. For the month of April, they booked 50. In March they booked 120. This means that people were cited and released. Courts are closed so people can't be processed right now. There will be a backlog of people that need to go to jail for a little while. For a while, people will need to be booked by appointment only. At this point, there are zero COVID-19 cases in NORCOR.

Abandoned vehicles and trailers are becoming an issue. When a tow company is called to tow these abandoned vehicles and trailers away; they end up eating this cost. The trailers have black water tanks so the trailers are deemed hazardous waste. Brad is hoping that Sherman County could do something similar to The Dalles and have a fund set-up to pay the tow companies to tow off these vehicles. Brad is guessing that there is about 4 towed a year for about \$10,000.

1.2 9:30 a.m. Marnene Benson-Wood, Community Transit – Quarterly Report
Present: Marnene Benson-Wood

Marnene Benson-Wood, Transportation Coordinator, discussed some of the highlights from her quarterly report. Marnene said that Transit served 20 Veterans with 62 trips and all trips were reimbursed.

Adam and Jackie are the two main drivers during this COVID-19 period. There is a decline in ridership during this pandemic. Riders are not needing rides to the doctors as much since most doctors are not seeing many patients face-to-face. Telemedicine is being used more.

The Transit fuel bill was only \$404 for April. The fuel bill is usually \$2,400-\$3,000. Shopping trips have started back up. We are using the bigger buses, sitting people further apart, using hand sanitizer and wearing masks as needed.

Marnene is looking to surplus vehicle #6. Judge Dabulskis recommended Kelsi Phillips work with him on setting up a public surplus site that Wheeler County uses to surplus their vehicles. It was decided to have Kelsi work with Joe to set up the surplus site to sell the cop car and then we can see from their about selling Vehicle #6 and possibly #8 for Transit.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Appoint Richard Balsley as Defense Counsel Representative on LPSCC.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Richard Balsley as Defense Counsel Representative on LPSCC.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Appoint Dr. June Gower as the Mental Health Director Representative on LPSCC.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Dr. June Gower as the Mental Health Director Representative on LPSCC.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 ~~Bid Opening for Red Shipping Container~~

No bids submitted. The Court is going to give the shipping container to the Road Department.

2.4 Proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to proclaim May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain:

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Department – Written Quarterly Report

3.2 Updates

Finnegan Bridge Construction - Pre-construction meeting will be held on May 7th. Construction is set to start on May 18th.

COVID-19- We continue to post COVID-19 related PSA's on Facebook. We are continuing our weekly Situational Report meetings.

Extension Office – They have been doing many things to keep engaged with the community such as give away vegetable and flower seeds, post recipes, and having 4 H kids post photos.

Randy Hilderbrand – Randy called and would like off of the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority committee. Joel Mattson, from MCEDD, would like a letter from Randy asking to be removed from this committee for their records. When a new member is appointed to this committee, Joel is willing to help get the member up to speed with what the committee is working on. Commissioner McCoy stated that it would be a good idea to find someone in the county that is interested in housing vouchers; that person would be a good fit for this committee.

Senior Center – The Senior Center is still serving to-go meals. Residents are starting to ask if there is a way to open the Senior Center soon.

IT Services – Interviews will be held May 7th for a new IT Vendor for the County.

Broadband – Day Wireless is not interested in this project. Gorge Net is very interested in the project. Commissioner Bird has been making calls to residents to see how their internet service is. Commissioner Bird has been hearing complaints about RTG.

Three county employees have turned in paperwork to request to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Center For Living has been finding it difficult to hire a mental health professional for the Sherman County School.

North Central Public Health Department has set-up a location where residents can go to isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. Judge Dabulskis is working with local businesses on a back-up plan.

Golden Hills – They are going to build the Operation and Maintenance Building on the Clark property in June, 2020 and start construction of the turbines by January 2021. Question came up – When do the SIP funds start?

3.3 Commissioner Reports

Judge Dabulskis – met with Shawn Payne and Teri Thalsofer regarding matrix for reopening county; working on narratives for the reopening plan; Eastern Oregon Counties Association conference call; Governor conference call, Klondike II Consultation meeting; MCEDD Loan Board Meeting; AOC meetings; Mid-Columbia Economic Resiliency Team Meeting; Situation

Report weekly meetings; Sage Technologies meeting; LPSCC meeting; Bi-State Outdoor Recreation Insights Conversation; Lower John Day Act meeting.

Commissioner McCoy – met with Wes Owens and Al Barton & Dr. Gower from Center For Living via conference call regarding Mental Health Professional for school; Mid-Columbia Housing Authority; Sage Technology; LPSCC; Golden Hills Landowners meeting.

Commissioner Bird – Mid-Columbia Community Action conference call; Situational Report conference calls; Governor Brown conference calls; Fair Board meeting; Sage Technology conference call; Sent letter to extension regarding their budget; Checked in with Kari about Senior Center coverage while Kari is on maternity leave.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of April 1, 2020

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve minutes of April 1, 2020, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of April 8, 2020 Special Session

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve minutes of April 8, 2020 Special Session, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Minutes of April 15, 2020

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve minutes of April 15, 2020, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.4 Claims – April 2020

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Claims for the month of April 2020, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

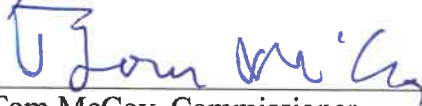
Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Sherman County Court



Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 

Administrative Assistant