



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

**MINUTES**

**JULY 1, 2020**

**Court Opened: 9:00 a.m.**

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

A quorum was present. No media was present.

**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Aaron Geisler, Finnegan Bridge Project Update**

Present: Aaron Geisler

Aaron Geisler updated the Court on the Finnegan Bridge project. The project is on track to be completed by August 5<sup>th</sup> or a few days earlier.

**1.2 ~~9:10 a.m.~~ 9:25 a.m. Eric Glover, City of Wasco Façade Project**

Present: Eric Glover

Eric Glover, City of Wasco Council member, came to the Court to let the Court know about the Wasco Façade application process. This process mirrors the process that Moro and Grass Valley have used.

**1.3 ~~9:20 a.m.~~ ~~Merrie von Borstel, Biggs Service District Quarterly Report~~**

**1.4 9:30 a.m. Waste Connections, Jim Winterbottom – Review proposed rates**

Present: Jim Winterbottom

Jim Winterbottom, Waste Connections, presented The Dalles Disposal proposed fee increases for annual operational costs to be effective September 1, 2020.

Jim also mentioned that the Sherman County Clean-Up days in all towns within Sherman County were all record setters this year.

**Motion by Commissioner Tom McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve a 2.15% increase in The Dalles Disposal fees for annual operational costs to be effective September 1, 2020.**

**1.5    ~~9:45 a.m.~~    9:50 a.m.    Cindy Brown and Jacob Powell, OSU Extension Quarterly Report**

Present: Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell, Kristi Brown

Jacob Powell, OSU Agriculture Extension Agent, gave highlights of work that he has been doing over the last couple of months. Jacob has been helping farmers with pest and disease issues. He has been helping with a stripe rust issue in Sherman County. In May, Jacob was working on putting an Agriculture Wild Fire presentation online. Jacob is going to send information about a Fire course to be printed in the August issue of the Citizen Reporter.

Cindy Brown, OSU Educator, announced that starting in July 4H can slowly start back up. All 4H programs will need to follow the Youth Summer Camp guidelines: sanitation, masks, cohorts, groups of 10 or less, etc.

**1.6    ~~10:00 a.m.~~    9:40 a.m.    Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services Quarterly Report**

Present: Bob Thomas

Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services, talked about things being quieter this time of the season and he is getting a lot of maintenance done on the equipment.

Bob explained that the Turkeys are nesting right now. He has a permit ready to take care of the Turkeys when they come around again.

Commissioner Bird told Bob that she was making calls about the internet and that during one of the calls a county resident complimented Bob on his handling of the coyotes.

**1.7    ~~10:15 a.m.~~    10:12 a.m.    Fair Business Plan**

Present: Forest Peters, Kristi Brown, Justin Miller, Debbie Hayden, Bryce Coelsch, Amanda Whitman, Laura Perisho

Bryce Coelsch, Fair Board Committee, presented the Fair Business Plan to the Court. Bryce also went over the fee schedule to rent the building and the breakdown of costs if the building was rented at different levels throughout the year. If the building was rented for 100 days out of the year at \$400 a day the building expenses would be covered. It would take \$28,500 to maintain the building and to sit there with no rentals.

It was discussed that the \$40,000 that the fair gets from SIP money will run out in five years.

With the consensus of the Budget Committee members in attendance (Forest Peters, Justin Miller, Commissioner McCoy, Commissioner Bird and Judge Dabulskis) the Court voted to approve the Fair Business Plan.

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Fair Business Plan.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Recessed 10:59 a.m.**

**1.8 11:00 a.m. Biggs Service District**

**Reconvened 12:20 a.m.**

**2.0 Action Items**

2.1 Asbestos

Judge Dabulskis brought forward a quote from Alpine Abatement for removing the asbestos or removing the asbestos and cleaning up the lot.

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to proceed with the Asbestos removal and clean-up of the lot in Biggs Junction by Alpine Abatement for \$49,086.28.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

2.2 Surplus Charger (2<sup>nd</sup> one)

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to surplus the 2014 Dodge Charger through Public Surplus online.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

2.3 CAPECO clarification

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Bird, to rescind the CAPECO motion from June 17, 2020.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to acknowledge the additional Covid Relief funding from CAPECO in the amount of \$17,618.57 for the 2019-20 year and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

2.4 Emergency Services

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to advertise for the Emergency Management Services position.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Advisory Committee

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to dissolve the Emergency Management Services Advisory Committee**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

2.5 Cybersecurity Policy

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the updated Cybersecurity Policy as of July 1, 2020.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**3.0 Discussion Items**

**3.1 Kind note regarding Dan Son/Weed Department**

**3.2 Note from DeeAnn Ramos**

**3.3 Updates**

**The last piece of fiber was installed through Bill Martin's property as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is time for the change orders to be done.**

**MCEDD is dispersing \$50,000 of State of Oregon COVID-19 Emergency Business Grants to Sherman County Businesses. You can go to [MCEDD.ORG/BIZGRANTS](http://MCEDD.ORG/BIZGRANTS) to find out more information. Emails have gone out to local businesses that we have emails for, the grant flyer was put on Facebook and Commissioners have been talking to local businesses about the grants.**

**Buildings – All county buildings that rent out their facilities need to have the renter sign a Facility Use Liability Release and Hold Harmless Addendum form. The renter also needs to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and disinfect after using the building. This includes groups using the facility free of charge.**

### **3.2 Commissioner Reports**

Judge Joe Dabulskis - Building Codes; FEMA weekly update meeting; AOC weekly conference call; AOC legislative and AOC Board meeting; Insurance agent meeting, MCEDD Loan Board meeting; Road Department and Well Driller meeting; Biggs Service District meeting; Western Conservatory is buying land in Sherman County; met with David Brown about Hydrogen Plant.

Commissioner Joan Bird – June 22 watched Finnegan Bridge process of laying cement slabs; Mid-Columbia Community Action; Prevention; Public Health Executive Session and Board meeting; Sherman County Court Special Session; working on Rural Broad Band; Mid-Columbia Action donated \$2,000 to Meals on Wheels and \$1,000 each to Rufus Food Panty and Sherman Food Bank.

Commissioner Tom McCoy – NORCOR Board meeting; Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Annual meeting; Sherman County Court Special Session; spoke with Dr. June Gower regarding Sherman County.

### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

#### **4.1 Claims of June, 2020**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the June 2020 Claims as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Entered Executive Session at 12:47pm in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel

Exited Executive Session at 12:50 pm

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm

**Sherman County Court**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Dabulskis, Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom McCoy, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammi Gaskey  
Administrative Assistant