



Court Agenda

July 15, 2020

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

MINUTES

JULY 15, 2020

Court Opened: 9:01 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.~~ 9:58 a.m. Aaron Geisler, Finnegan Bridge Project Update

Present: Aaron Geisler

Aaron Geisler, Bridge consultant, gave an update on the Finnegan Bridge project. The project is still on schedule. Paving will start on Tuesday, July 21. Traffic will be switched over after the paving is completed.

1.2 ~~9:15 a.m.~~ 9:08 a.m. Paul Conway, Veterans Services Quarterly Report

Present: Paul Conway, Carrie Pipinich

Paul Conway, Tri-County Veteran Service Officer, attended a transportation meeting and found out that the Veterans Department funds can no longer fund Veteran transportation. Paul did find out that there are grants available that Sherman County is not currently getting that can fill this gap. Paul told Marnene Benson-Wood about the grants and suggested that she reach out to Marla at Gilliam County who is currently receiving these grants. Some of these grants are Veteran specific and some are not.

COVID is preventing some of the outreach that Paul would like to be doing such as coffee hours.

Paul says that he is getting many calls from the mailer that he sent out. He is very happy with the results of the mailer.

Paul finished the TRIP training (Training, Responsibility, Involvement, and Preparation of Claims Portal) online in April. On July 27 Paul will take the Milestone exam which is a 6 month exam. Then 6 months later he will take the Accreditation exam.

Paul is a certified Assister for the Oregon Health Plan. Now he is also certified to do the advanced Oregon integrated eligibility which not only does the Oregon Health Plan but also does Medicaid for the elderly and disabled.

1.3 ~~9:30 a.m.~~ 9:28 a.m. Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD Quarterly Report

Present: Carrie Pipinich, Merrie von Borstel

Carrie Pipinich, representing MCEDD, discussed the COVID-19 Emergency Business Grants that are currently available through MCEDD. Carrie also mentioned that there are links online to trainings at <https://www.mcedd.org/business-trainings/> and general resources at <https://www.mcedd.org/covid-19-resources/>.

There was a discussion about the Housing and Rental Rehabilitation Grant process. Carrie is going to get the committee and Court together to start looking at the process and requirements.

Commissioner Bird told Carrie that the Fair Business Plan looked fabulous. Commissioner Bird also asked about Little Wheats. Carrie is going to check in with Little Wheats soon.

1.4 ~~9:45 a.m.~~ 9:55 a.m. Merrie von Borstel, Biggs Service District Quarterly Report

Present: Merrie von Borstel

The well drilling packets will be sent off today. Legal Counsel, Jeff Wallace, has looked over the papers that needed to be signed.

Merrie also stated she got through another budget.

1.5 ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 10:02 a.m. Tina Potter, Tri-County Corrections Quarterly Report

Present: Tina Potter, Ryan LeBlanc

Tina Potter, Tri-County Corrections, gave an overview of what has been happening in her department this quarter. Tina talked about the pandemic and how it has impacted the department. Governor Brown commuted sentences for some inmates and so far none of those people are coming to Sherman, Gilliam or Wheeler Counties. Tri-County Corrections are doing things a bit differently due to the pandemic. They are doing minimal home visits. They did not have a work crew in April or May. The work crew started up in June but now they do not have a supervisor so work crew is on hold again.

Caseload is 28 funded active cases, 56 warrants and a total of 104 cases in Sherman County. They are at 55 funded active cases in the Tri-County area.

1.6 ~~10:15 a.m.~~ 10:16 a.m. Ryan LeBlanc, Sage Technologies

Present: Ryan LeBlanc, Dan Bubb

Ryan LeBlanc, Sage Technologies, handed the court a quote for engineering and project management of Phase II Ty Ridge site. This quote does not include the installation fee from Gorge Net. Phase I Erskine

is fully installed. Gordon Ridge is fully installed. Ryan is working with a network engineer from Gorge Net to get them connected.

The systems is engineered so that RTG and Gorge Net can both be on the line for a little while. Gorge Net will have access to the trouble tickets and the huts.

There was discussion about how RTG has not kept up with parts of their contract with Sherman County. Paragraph 3 says that every year that they will submit a letter of request to renew. No letter has been received since 2011 when this contract was originally signed.

Paragraph 2 says that they will make a payment by the 10th of each month and to provide access to their custom records for account as to how many customers are on the system. Ryan has asked RTG for customer information last month and gave them until July 10th to provide that information and they have not responded.

Judge Dabulskis said that legal counsel was looking over the contract and would get back to the Court on this matter.

Both systems can operate for a few months side-by-side except in Kent and maybe the elevator in Moro. There is a need to know which RTG customers are in Kent and use the Moro elevator before they accidentally get turned off of service.

1.7 10:30 a.m. Dan Bubb, Gorge Net

Present: Dan Bubb, Ryan LeBlanc,

Dan Bubb, Gorge Net, led a discussion about cost for service. Gorge Net intends to offer a tiered cost of services available.

The RTG agreement has a provision that they pay the County \$6 a customer for using the system. Commissioner McCoy asked Dan Bubb what Gorge Net was offering the county. Gorge Net is offering their tower and site on Ty Ridge at no cost and the management of the system county wide and to work with Ryan LeBlanc as the project manager in turn that they can use the system at no cost.

You can direct interested customers to sales@gorgenet.com

Judge Dabulskis did mention that this internet upgrade was due to COVID-19 and the urgent need to get internet to the rural areas of Sherman County. With this in mind, it is possibly that the county will need to go out for bid for a new IFP in three to five years.

Dan said if we can come to a conceptual agreement today, we would like to start working with Ryan and get two sites completed each week for the first three weeks of August.

The Court consensus is that we will go with Gorge Net. We will not vote on it until we have a contract and counsel reviews it. Judge Dabulskis talked to Dan about managing the fiber for the use of the fiber that was just put in down at Rufus. We will continue this discussion.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Eastern Oregon Counties Association dues

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the payment for Eastern Oregon Counties Association dues in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application

This is not an application

2.3 MOU between Sherman County and Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO)

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County and Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) and authorize Commissioner McCoy to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 WISP Phase II

Judge Dabulskis would like to go ahead and proceed with the \$160,000 for WISP Phase II. We have applied for a \$160,000 grant but Judge Dabulskis would like to proceed regardless if the grant comes through or not. This is important and needs to be done.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve to proceed with the WISP Phase II project not to exceed \$160,000 expecting that we will get a grant but knowing that we may not.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Eastern Oregon Counties Association IGA

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Eastern Oregon Counties Association Intergovernmental Agreement where Sherman County is agreeing to be a Member County and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Decal Quote for County vehicles

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner McCoy, to move forward with the decal quote by Designs to Flourish in the amount of \$926.44 to add County Logo decals on County vehicles.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 ODOT Agreement No. 34253

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Rail and Public Transit Agreement No. 34253 between the State of Oregon and Sherman County; the Grant is \$44,865 with matching funds to total \$50,000 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.8 ODOT Agreement No. 34258

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Rail and Public Transit Agreement No. 34258 between the State of Oregon and Sherman County; the Grant is \$112,000 with matching funds to total \$140,000 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Small Business Assistance Grant Fund

Add to the August 5th Agenda

2.10 State of Oregon Intergovernmental Pass Through Grant Agreement No. 165268

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve State of Oregon Intergovernmental Pass Through Grant Agreement # 165268 between the State of Oregon and Sherman County and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Jenine McDermid, Clerk's Office Quarterly Report

3.2 Georgia Macnab, Planning Department Quarterly Report

Commissioner Bird will call Georgia with a few questions regarding the race track, King Quarry, Solar Farm inquiry and the zoning violation.

3.3 Marnene Benson-Wood, Community Transit Quarterly Report

3.4 Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Quarterly Report

3.5 Kari Silcox, Senior Center Quarterly Report

Kari is going to extend her maternity leave by a couple of weeks since she has been working through her leave. Instead of coming back August 12, she would like to come back August 27th. Judge Dabulskis will call Kari and let her know that this is ok.

3.6 Hocter Trailer

There has been no interest in buying and moving the trailer. The consensus was to now look into paying someone to have it moved.

3.7 South Sherman Fire District money allocation

The Court agreed to move forward with the allocation of money to South Sherman Fire District in one lump sum. The Court would like South Sherman Fire District to come to Court in January with a follow-up on how the money was spent.

3.8 Updates

Citizen Reporter – Commissioner Bird thought that we should solicit for more business email addresses to help complete our list of emails for Sherman County businesses.

Library – The library has upholstered chairs that were donated that must be removed due to COVID-19 since they are upholstered. Wes Owens has asked to use the Library as a 6th grade classroom in exchange for storing the chairs.

3.9 Commissioner Reports

Judge Dabulskis – FEMA weekly call; met with two people down at Pilot to talk about a ground water cleanup; working on getting asbestos removed from the County’s property in Biggs; Bob Nisbet is going to take a look at the leak in the back of the Burnet Building; working on finalizing paperwork for the Biggs well; Burnet Building is County property so we need to remove the large rocks; Senator Findley weekly call; met with Ryan LeBlanc and Dan Bubb regarding wireless internet; Leah Horner from the Governor’s Office has a weekly District 3 call; OHA weekly call; Sherman County School Board meeting.

Commissioner McCoy – meeting with Jeff Wallace; Center for Living meeting.

Commissioner McCoy has not written a letter of resignation yet but he does plan to resign at the end of September. Tom will need to be replaced on the Center for Living Board. Judge Dabulskis and Commissioner Bird will both attend the August Center for Living Board meeting. We need to advertise that there will be a quorum for this meeting in August and September.

Commissioner McCoy will also need to be replaced on the NORCOR Board.

Commissioner Bird – Fair Board meeting; meeting with Jeff Wallace; North Central Public Health meeting.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of June 17, 2020

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve minutes of June 17, 2020, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of June 30, 2020

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve minutes of June 30, 2020, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Minutes of July 1, 2020

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve minutes of July 1, 2020, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.4 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – June 2020

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve to Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of June 2020, as presented.

Abstain: 0

Vote: 3-0

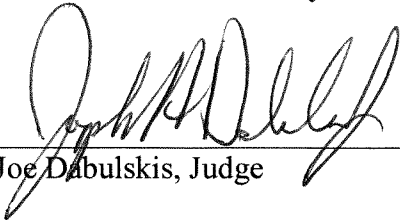
Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Bird

No: 0

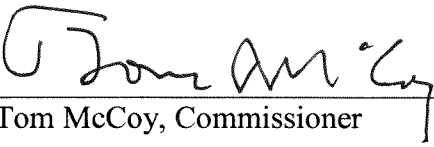
Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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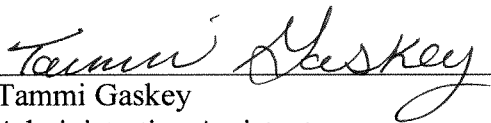
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 

Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant