



Court Agenda

November 18, 2020

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3.7 Wasco Asher Lots

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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*

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Opened Court: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Judge Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Justin Miller, Commissioner Joan Bird, Administrative Assistant Tammi Gaskey

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:03 a.m. Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD – approval of updated SC Transportation Plan

Present: Drew Messenger, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Jeff Wallace, Marnene Benson-Wood, Ross Turney

Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD, presented the updated Sherman County Transportation Plan. Kathy explained that the Sherman County Transportation Plan has to be updated every three years. Having a plan in place allows the Transportation Department to apply and receive loans and grants. A part of the plan is to look for ways to improve and make the goals for the next three year cycle. For example: three years ago, the goal was to include a 3rd shopping bus to be able to handle the increase of riders that the county was seeing. This goal has now been met.

Goals that could be worked on this next three year cycle could include building a stronger partnership with the senior center to maybe include a food pantry pick up. Another goal could include building a stronger partnership with the Veterans Officer, Paul Conway. Together, maybe a solution can be found to help cover transportation costs for veterans that are currently not covered. Another goal could be to build a stronger relationship with Victim Assistance. This could include providing rides to appointments or to other places as needed. There is also room for capacity building in the Transportation Office. Expectations of what the office can do but it is not currently feasible; training, updating, etc.

Kathy wanted to thank the STIP Committee for being very engaged and she said that Sherman County is very fortunate to have such an engaged committee. Kathy also wanted to thank Marnene Benson-Wood and Kelsi Phillips for all their hard work.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the 2020-2024 Sherman County Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.0 Action Items

2.1 NORCOR CARES

The Court felt that the current NORCOR CARES document was too long and wordy. Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, will write up a brief agreement between NORCOR and Sherman County regarding Sherman County paying their 5% of the COVID costs for NORCOR.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve to pay Sherman County's 5% of COVID related expenses to NORCOR as drafted by County Counsel, Jeff Wallace and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Committee Assignments

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Commissioner Miller to be the Alternate on the following committees: Frontier TeleNet, Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA), Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Board (NORCOR), Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone (CGBREZ) and Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve Commissioner Miller to be a member on the following committees: Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), Biggs Service District Board/Budget Committee, Sherman County Fair Board, Sherman County Fair Building committee, Public Contract Board of Review, Sherman County Weed Advisory Board, Sherman County Budget Committee, Eastern Oregon Rural Alliance committee, Lower John Day Area Commission on Transportation (LJDACT) and Tri-County Community Corrections.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve Commissioner Bird to be a member on the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority committee.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 MOU between DA's Office and Bio Management Northwest

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Bio Management Northwest and approve Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 BOPTA

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, approve the appointment of Nancy Drinkard from the Non-Office Holding Pool, and Joe Dabulskis and Justin Miller from the Office Holding Pool to the 2020-2021 Board of Property Tax Appeals. (This amends the motion from October 7, 2020)

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 North Central Public Health District

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve \$2,500 to North Central Public Health District to help hire a firm to recruit applicants for the Executive Director Position contingent on participation of the other counties.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Purchase and Sale Agreement for Biggs Property

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the sale of 91415 and 91413 Biggs-Rufus Highway, Wasco, OR 97065 to Bharwinder Singh for \$350,000. With a down payment/earnest money of 5,000 with proposed closing date of December 5, 2020 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 Wasco to Rufus Fiber Build Settlement Agreement

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Wasco to Rufus Fiber Build Settlement Agreement and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.8 Minutes of October 21, 2020

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to amend the Minutes of October 21, 2020, section 1.4 Executive Session should say 1:28 pm entered into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Public Records.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Pellet Stove Offer

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to accept the offer of \$150 for the pellet stove inside the Hoctor trailer with legal council's approval after looking into this matter a little further. (Researching the asbestos in the floor and ceiling and liability)

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Letter regarding New School Metrics

The Court had a discussion regarding the letter that Abbey Phelps sent the Court regarding COVID-19 and the New School Metrics.

The Court did talk with the Medical Center in Moro said that COVID-19 testing should be for residents that have symptoms or who have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

3.2 Mid-Columbia Center for Living – COVID-19 expenses for Sherman County

Dr. Gower is requesting \$1,500 for cameras and PPE for the Sherman County site. Mid-Columbia Center for Living still needs to turn in receipts for these items.

3.3 Commissioner Reports

Judge Dabulskis –

Attended the following – Columbia Gorge Symposium by conference call; OHA weekly call; North Central Regional Equity in Recovery Council conference call; Senator Findley's weekly call; CREA annual meeting; Safety committee meeting; Commissioners meeting; AOC Arts & Cultural meeting; and AOC Survey on NORCOR conference call.

Went to sites around Sherman County as the solar trailers were being hooked up. Four solar trailers have been installed and an additional three solar trailers are on order.

Judge Dabulskis is working on getting 8 panels for fence around one of the solar trailers to protect it from cows.

Contacted Mayor of Rufus about City COVID-19 funds.

Commissioner Miller –

Attended AOC Commissioner Orientation.

Commissioner Bird –

Attended the following – Prevention meeting; MCEDD Annual meeting; Community Action meeting; SWCD call; Mid-Columbia Center for Living meeting; North Central Public Health meeting; and Business Oregon meeting.

Bruce is going to look at the window caulking at the library.

The Rufus Food pantry currently has no running water at its site and the roof is in need of repair. They are hoping to get help in making this site better.

Commissioner Bird has been helping business owners from the Wasco Events Center with their questions.

Commissioner Bird has been talking to residents about internet concerns.

Commissioner Bird asked about Starvation Lane. The county has not signed any paperwork yet with the Parks department. County Court would like to see the plan first and make sure it is agreeable to both parties before signing.

Commissioner Bird asked about an update on Tri-County Corrections and Sheriff Lohrey's suggestion to join with Wasco County for parole and probation services. Judge Dabulskis stated that Sheriff Bettencourt will be coming to Court on January 6th to give the Court his views on the matter.

3.4 Need to appoint a community member to the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Board

Joel Madsen, from Mid-Columbia Housing Authority, contacted County Court to say that there is an opening on the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Board. Joel would like the Court to appoint a community member to this board.

3.5 OSU Extension paused in-person programming

Cindy Brown, from OSU Extension, let the Court know that OSU Extension has paused all in-person programming during the two-week freeze set by Governor Brown. The Court stated that all meetings that take place in the meeting rooms at the Extension office and Senior Center should be canceled during the two-week freeze set by Governor Brown.

3.6 Estimate for adding lights at DeMoss Park

Judge Dabulskis received a bid of \$9,580 to run conduit and install fiberglass light and the county will need to evidentially fix the asphalt. The Court asked Judge Dabulskis to get a quote from SherCo before a decision is made.

3.7 Wasco Asher Lots

To summarize the county property in the Asher subdivision in Wasco: there is one lot pending sale for \$39,000, one lot already sold a few years ago and two lots are still available on the south side.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of November 4, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2020, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary– October 2020

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the October 2020 Revenue/Expenditure Summary.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5.0 Future Agenda Items

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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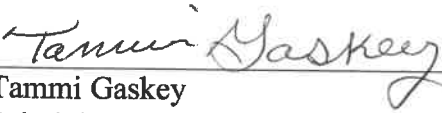
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 

Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant