



**Court Agenda  
April 7, 2021**

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**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Jessica Metta, MCEDD - Updates
- 1.2 9:15 a.m. Sheriff Lohrey – Sheriff’s Office Quarterly Report
- 1.3 ~~9:30 a.m.~~ 10:00 a.m. Wellness Center
- 1.4 ~~9:45 a.m.~~ 9:48 a.m. Grant Simpson – Little League

**2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 2021 CAMI grant application
- 2.2 Ambulance By-Laws
- 2.3 Rufus Façade Project
- 2.4 Proclamation – April Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- 2.5 Proclamation – April 18-24 Sherman County Crime Victims’ Rights Week
- 2.6 Housing Grants

**3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 Kent Water Quote
- 3.2 Emergency Services Quarterly Report
- 3.3 Commissioner Reports and updates

**4.0 Consent Agenda:**

- 4.1 Minutes of March 17, 2021
- 4.2 Claims – March 2021

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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**

**APRIL 7, 2021**

**Opened Court:**

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Jessica Metta, MCEDD - Updates**

Present: Jessica Metta

Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District's Executive Director, came to County Court to give an overview of what MCEDD services are and how they can help Sherman County. Since 1969, MCEDD has served the region to promote the creation of family-wage jobs, the diversification of the economic base, and the growth, development and retention of business and industry within the five-county district.

The three areas of focus are business assistance, technical assistance and regional coordination. Business assistance can be in the form of lending, training and industry cluster development. Technical assistance can be in the form of grant administration/labor standards, economic development services and project management services. Regional coordination can be in the form of broadband, transportation and regional planning.

Jessica stated that currently MCEDD employees are working on the 2022 Strategy Development and she welcomes new participants. To participate in the strategy development go to [www.mcedd.org/strategy/get-involved/](http://www.mcedd.org/strategy/get-involved/)

**1.2 9:15 a.m. Sheriff Lohrey – Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report**

Present: Brad Lohrey

Sheriff Brad Lohrey came to County Court and gave his quarterly report. Brad stated that in 2020 his office worked 805 cases. This case count for 2020 is 150 more than normal. Of the 2020 cases, 72 were

crashes. Sherman County has 17 so far this year. There were 50 trespassing complaints in 2020; most are in Biggs. There were 47 thefts in 2020. Sherman County has seen 25 thefts in 2021 so far. Brad mentioned that Mid-Columbia Center For Living is going to come to a Sherman County Sheriff's Office Department meeting to talk to employees about issues and solutions.

Brad told a story about how Deputy Sol Jacobsen helped a local houseless person reunite with family. Sol was able to locate the family via Facebook, make contact with the family and the daughter and son flew out to Sherman County where they were reunited and are now staying in contact with their father.

Brad told the Court that the US Army Corps of Engineers parks have new rules where people can stay for 7 days and then have to be out of any US Army Corps of Engineers park for 30 days on either side of the river.

**1.3 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Wellness Center**

Present: Aliesha Pfeifer, Kyle Pfeifer

Aliesha and Kyle Pfeifer, Wellness Center Board Members, came to County Court to get some direction as to how they should operate. One question that they had is are they an entity that reports to the County Court and gets direction and approval from County Court? County Court said that they should have new board members fill out a volunteer form and a criminal background form and submit the name and forms to County Court for final approve like other county committees. County Court feels that the Wellness Center Board should be able to make decisions for the Wellness Center without much direction from County Court.

Commissioner Bird stated that the Wellness Center could switch the Peloton account to a corporate account and then they would be able to pay for equipment with a check or possibly even a purchase order.

County Court did reiterate the purchasing information that they had mentioned at an earlier County Court meeting about the Wellness Center being able to purchase cleaning supplies on the County account at the farm store and the Huskey's 97 Market.

The Wellness Board does send an inventory list every year to County Court. This inventory list is added to our annual inventory list submitted to insurance. Currently, the Wellness Center has some surplus equipment stored in the Hactor storage shed. There was a discussion about the medical clinic in Condon that has a community gym connected to the medical clinic that was paid for by grants. This would be a great concept to think about for Sherman County especially if the Sherman County Medical Center ever plans to expand.

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Wellness Center to surplus all exercise equipment currently being stored in the Hactor storage shed and allow them to dispose of as they see fit.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**1.4 9:45 a.m. 9:48 a.m. Grant Simpson – Little League**

Present: Grant Simpson, Drew Messenger, Aliesha Pfeifer, Kyle Pfeifer

Grant Simpson, Little League, came to County Court to request funds to help little league during COVID-19. Grant explained that they would like to get one helmet per child. This will help with the spread of COVID and also lice and other germs. During COVID, they have to disinfect catchers gear every time they switch players, they have to disinfect balls every half inning, bats after every batter, etc. Little League could also use extra gear, disinfectant, and other things to keep the kids safe. Little League came to County Court with a request of \$1,800. Judge Dabulskis suggested that they seek funds from Weir District. Judge Dabulskis was also going to check with Amy Asher to see if Prevention had any funds that could be used for this purpose.

Drew Messenger said that donations could be sent to Sherman County Little League in C/O Jeff Webber, P.O. Box 181, Rufus, OR 97050.

**2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 2021 CAMI grant application**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the CAMI MDT 2021-2023 Application Letter of Authorization and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.2 Ambulance By-Laws**

**By-Laws have been reviewed by Jeff Wallace, County Counsel and CIS.**

County Court discussed the Ambulance By-Laws and they have a few changes that they would like to have made before they will vote on the adoption of the Ambulance By-Laws.

Section 12 – County Court would like the title to say Election of Sherman County Ambulance Board Members.

Section 13 – County Court would like the tile to say Duties of Ambulance Board Members.

Section 15 - #2 County Court would like Dana Pursley-Haner to review the CIS comments and rewrite Section 15 #2. County Court does not agree with 'at least 30%'. County Court feels that this number should reflect majority.

Section 23 – County Court feels like there should be a #4 that says ‘CIS should be consulted before any action is taken’.

Section 31 – County Court feels that a sentence should be added that says ‘hours and duties of individuals will be recorded for S.A.I.F’.

### **2.3 Rufus Façade Project**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Sherman County paying 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the siding and painting Rufus City Hall project as part of the Rufus Façade program – total cost was \$5,995.00 with the Counties 1/3 not to exceed \$2,000.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.4 Proclamation – April Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.5 Proclamation – April 18-24 Sherman County Crime Victims’ Rights Week**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to proclaim April 18-24, 2021 as Sherman County Crime Victims’ Rights Week and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.6 Housing Grants**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Judge Dabulskis to approve the Roger and Bonne Whitley project completion and grant payment conditional upon receiving documentation from the City of Grass Valley that the property is appropriately zoned for residential development and meeting all program requirements for the New Rental Housing Development Grant for \$10,000.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Judge Dabulskis to approve Pat Powell's project completion and grant payment conditional upon meeting all program requirements for the New Rental Housing Development Grant for \$10,000.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Judge Dabulskis to approve Tammy Loeffler project completion and grant payment in the amount of \$905.96 conditional upon meeting all other program requirements recommended by the Sherman County Housing Grant Review Committee.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **3.0 Discussion Items**

#### **3.1 Kent Water Quote**

Commissioner Bird will reach out to Liz to let her know that she should talk to Debbie Hayden and get on the Budget Committee agenda.

#### **3.2 Emergency Services – Written Quarterly Report**

Coming in-person next meeting to give quarterly report.

#### **3.3 Commissioner Reports and updates**

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a County Employee call; North Central Regional Solutions Housing meeting; OHA weekly meeting; Columbia Gorge Community College tour; NORCOR meeting; Senator Findley call; Nate Stice meeting, Columbia Gorge Resolution Center meeting; Senator Merkley call; Representative Bentz call; Representative Smith call; and MCEDD Load Board meeting.

Met with Jeff Wallace, County Counsel.

Met with Judge Morley and toured Wheeler County.

Met with Dan Meador from Tennison Engineering regarding Biggs Wastewater Plant.

Ryan LeBlanc is looking into engineering to put equipment on a couple of elevators in Sherman County.

The electrical bumps have fried 4 of the security monitors in the courthouse. Security monitors are being replaced and better surge protectors are being installed throughout the courthouse.

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; Mid-Columbia Community Action meeting; NCPHD meeting; phone meeting with Nate Stice; phone

conversation with K'Lynn Lane with Condon Chamber; Prevention meeting; conversation with CAPECO; conversation with Peloton; conversation about fiber line to Extension building; Tour at Columbia Gorge Community College; and met with school about counseling needs.

**Commissioner Miller** – Attended a housing meeting; a LCAC meeting; a Fair Board meeting; a call with Representative Bentz; a call with Gina Nickel from AOC; and a tour at Columbia Gorge Community College.

**4.0 Consent Agenda:**

**4.1 Minutes of March 17, 2021**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve minutes of March 17, 2021, as corrected.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**4.2 Claims – March 2021**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Claims for the month of March 2021, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**


**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Sherman County Court**

  
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Joe Dabulskis, Judge

  
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Justin Miller, Commissioner

  
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Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: Tammi Maskey  
Administrative Assistant