

Court Agenda

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SHERMAN COUNTY COURT REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MARCH 3, 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.

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1.1 9:00 a.m. South Sherman Fire - Update

Present: Keegan Kock, Andy Miller, Brad Eakin, Brad Lohrey

Brad Eakin, Keegan Kock and Andy Miller came to County Court to give an update on South Sherman Fire District. They said that with the shortened season they were still able to net \$25,000 from working at the race track last year. This year the race track season starts on March 20th.

Last year, the Interim Fire Chief worked the big fires in the mountains for the state and brought in \$30,000.

There is going to be a fire meeting with South Sherman Fire District, North Sherman County RFPD and Moro Rural Fire District on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grass Valley Pavilion.

The tax base has changed in South Sherman and now they are the same as Moro and North Sherman.

Brad indicated there was a nozzle for \$4,000 on their supply list. They would like to use this money to purchase rescue tools instead. They feel that they will get more use of the rescue tools.

1.2 9:30 a.m. Jessica Metta MCEDD Update

Jessica will present in person at a later date. Tammi will work with Jessica to set up a date/time.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Mid-Columbia Housing Authority community member

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to appoint Teri Sanderson for a three-year term to the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Board.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0 Abstain: 0

2.2 North Central Public Health District's (NCPHD) Budget Committee community member

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Gary Thompson for a one year term to the North Central Public Health District's Budget Committee.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0
Abstain: 0

2.3 Surplus 2011 Chevy Tahoe from the Sheriff's Department

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the surplus of a 2011 Chevy Tahoe from the Sheriff's Department and give it to the Moro Rural Fire Protection in exchange for a radio for use in a patrol vehicle.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0 Abstain: 0

2.4 Sherman County Prevention Team members

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Amber Degrange, Nadja McConville, Cindy Brown, Neita Cecil and Brad Lohrey to a two-year term ending June 2023 to the Sherman County Prevention Team subject to a criminal history check.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Jennifer Harwood, Samantha Peterson, Brittany Waggoner, Dana Pursely-Haner, Samantha Peterson and Megan Fritts to a four-year term ending June 2025 to the Sherman County Prevention Team subject to a criminal history check.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Ashley Danielson and Natasha Sandquist as Ad-Hoc members, with no term limits, to the Sherman County Prevention Team subject to a criminal history check.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0
Abstain: 0

3.0 <u>Discussion Items</u>

3.1 Compensation Board on March 17, 2021

Reminder that Compensation Board is on March 17, 2021. Debbie Hayden said that she is working on information regarding COLA.

3.2 Wasco Event Center tables and chairs

A couple of Sherman County residents have contacted the Wasco Event Center about using the tables and chairs in Maupin and at a location across the Deschutes River. County Court had a lengthy discussion on the topic and the consensus is to keep the current 'Use Agreement' and not to make any changes at this time.

The County Court felt like making changes now for these two requests would lead to more requests to make additional changes. These changes would also likely impact rentals of tables and chairs in surrounding counties. After discussing many pros and cons, County Court felt that it was best to leave this program alone at this time.

3.3 Wellness Center

Shelby Stroud sent a request to County Court on behalf of the wellness center to ask about alternative ways to purchase equipment for the gym. Shelby wrote that in the past, they have had two options to purchase services/equipment for the gym. A. They could have a bill sent directly to the County Court or B. They purchase the service/equipment themselves (with the volunteers own personal finances) and then submit a receipt to the county for reimbursement on the next pay day.

Debbie Hayden, Finance Director stated that the Wellness Center board could go to MCP or the Huskeys '97 Market and purchase supplies on the county account. For the larger items, it was suggested that they work with Debbie to figure out the best way to pay the vendor. Some suggestions were to keep doing as stated above, another option was to talk to the bank for increasing the limit on a card for a one time purchase.

Joe texted Shelby to see if they can meet to discuss the wellness center purchases.

3.4 Resident Incentive Program

A resident asked the Court to look into changing the resident incentive program to make some or all of the money to stay in the county and to help out local businesses.

Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, talked about the Resident Incentive Ordinance (10-2009) that was adopted on July 15, 2009. At the time, records indicated that the population of Sherman County had been declining since 1960 which posed a serious threat to the economic development and overall livability climate of the community. The ordinance stated that Sherman County had been blessed with revenue received from wind projects and desired to use a portion of the funds as an incentive to residents to remain and invest in the County. The purpose of the ordinance was to encourage and promote the act of residing in a home in Sherman County, which in turn facilitates economic development and stability to Sherman County.

County Court feels that this still rings true today. Many people use the resident incentive checks to pay their taxes as well as use it to pay bills or make purchases. The consensus was to keep the program as is.

3.5 Criminal History checks

CIS says that all volunteers need a criminal history check. It was also stated that we need to update our forms on-line to indicate that all volunteers need a criminal history check.

It was decided that the Court Administrative Assistant will check that criminal history forms have been turned into the Sheriff's Office and that the citizen volunteer form has been turned into the County Court Office before potential committee appointees are added to the County Court agenda for consideration.

3.6 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Commissioner Bird – Attended a SWCD meeting; a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; a SWCD update meeting.

Library window project – Got ahold of a mason. He will come out and take a look at the windows.

Update on Columbia Gorge Community College request – Dan Spatz is doing a presentation at Gilliam County Court today. Sherman County Court would like Dan to come and do a presentation at the next meeting.

Road Advisory Committee – Judge Dabulskis talked to Brad Eakin, who is on the Road Advisory Committee, for some history on the committee about goals and outcomes. Judge Dabulskis is looking at ORS's for guidance.

Commissioner Bird reached out to Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, in regards to the Prevention By-Laws.

Wasco Events Center – Michael Held is meeting with representatives from the Wasco Events Center to discuss grant options.

Commissioner Miller – Attended a SWCD meeting.

Judge Dabulskis – Attended a County Employee meeting; a NORCOR meeting; a Zyfer meeting; a Senator Findley call; a OHA meeting; a 911 Compensation Board meeting; a MCEDD Loan Board Meeting; and a Leah Horner District 3 meeting.

Judge Dabulskis gave Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, and the Tri-County Community Corrections By-Laws for review.

Judge Dabulskis met with the Regional Director of BLM.

3.7 Video/Audio for Commissioner's Meeting room

Commissioner Miller started a discussion about the audio for the Commissioner's Meeting room in regards to GO TO MEETING for those participating over video/phone. It has come to the County Court's attention that it can be hard to hear people in the room at times when you are listening via video/phone.

The decision was made to have the computer techs take a look at our system the next time they are here working on computer issues.

3.8 Fair Board

Commissioner Miller discussed an idea that the Fair Board had about new members and the first year of their term to be a probationary year and then if everything works out, the new member would continue on to finish out their term.

Commissioner Bird asked if the Fair Board had By-Laws and if so, she thought the By-Laws should be updated to reflect what is current and this new change that they are wanting to make.

4.0 **Consent Agenda**

4.1 Claims – February 2021

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Claims for the month of February 2021, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird

No: Abstain: 1

4.2 Treasurer's Report – January 2021

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Sherman County Court

Joe Dabulskis, Judge

Justin Miller, Commissioner

Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: Tanni Maskey

Administrative Assistant