



## Court Agenda

August 4, 2021

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### Additions to Agenda

#### 1.0 Appointment Schedule

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Jim Winterbottom – The Dalles Disposal rate increase
- 1.2 9:15 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice Court Quarterly Report
- 1.3 9:30 a.m. Public

#### 2.0 Action Items

- 2.1 Ambulance By-laws
- 2.2 VOCA/CFA grant application
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- 3.6 Commissioner Reports and updates

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- 4.1 Treasurer's Report – June 2021
- 4.2 Claims – July 2021

#### 5.0 Public Comment

- 5.1 Email from Kara Lanthorn regarding Masks at School



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

**MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 2021**

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

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

A quorum was present. Times-Journal was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Additions to Agenda**

**3.7 Starvation Boat Ramp**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Jim Winterbottom – The Dalles Disposal rate increase**

Present: Jim Winterbottom, Kristie Coelsch

County Court wanted to thank The Dalles Disposal crew for all their hard work they do every day.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve a rate adjustment averaging 1.45% in The Dalles Disposal fees for annual operational costs to be effective September 1, 2021.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**1.2 9:15 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice Court Quarterly Report**

Present: Ron McDermid,

Sherman County Justice Court is continuing the process of transitioning toward pre-Covid operating procedures on an incremental basis. Weekly first appearances can be made through written appearance, either by email or letter, as well as telephonic appearance by appointment. In-person appearances are

allowed but not required in most instances. The majority of hearings continue to be held telephonically or by written affidavit.

**1.3 9:30 a.m. Public**

**No public comments**

**2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 Ambulance Bylaws**

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve with suggested changes, the Ambulance By-laws and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.2 VOCA/CFA Grant Application**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the VOCA/CFA non-competitive grant application for the grant period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Bio Management Northwest, for crime scene cleanup services for victims, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Mid-Columbia Center for Living for behavioral health services for victims referred by Sherman County District Attorney's Office, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and the law firm Peachy Myers & Dunn, P.C., for telephone legal consults for victims, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**  
**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

### **2.3 EMS Reduced Staffing Exception**

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Sherman County Ambulance Reduced Staffing Exception letter to Oregon Health Authority, and the Reduced Staffing Exception letter to Dana Pursley-Haner and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

**Vote: 3-0**  
**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

### **2.4 Heat Stress Prevention Policy**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Sherman County Heat Stress Prevention Policy and put into effect as of August 4, 2021.

**Vote: 3-0**  
**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

## **3.0 Discussion Items**

### **3.1 River Democracy Act**

Commissioner Bird has asked Amanda Whitman, District Manager Sherman County SWCD, to go through the River Democracy Act and highlight questionable areas pertaining to Sherman County.

Commissioner Bird will bring a rough draft of a River Democracy Act Resolution for County Court to review on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.2 BLM Presence**

Consensus is that County Court would like to keep BLM presence in the County. Judge Dabulskis is going to work with BLM on finding a solution.

### **3.3 Planning Department Quarterly Report**

Very good report. Georgia has been very busy.

### **3.4 County Clerk Quarterly Report**

The Clerk office is gearing up for the 2022 Primary Election. Candidate filing begins September 9, 2021.

The May 18, 2021 Special District Election had 51.64% voter turnout. SC had the highest percentage for all Oregon counties

2021 Legislative updates that effect the Clerk office:

- HB 3291 – Allows ballots to be accepted up to seven days after the election.
  - New return envelopes will need to be purchased to include new verbiage required by the bill.
  - Election certification will be pushed back 7 days as well. Resulting in certification by the 27<sup>th</sup> day after the election.
- SB 27 – County Clerk is not required to mail Secrecy envelope to voter, if the Secretary of State approves a different method.
  - May result in expenses upfront, but savings over time.

### **3.5 Cottonwood Tower**

Frontier TeleNet has been in charge of the Cottonwood Tower project for many years and it is still not done. The state gave money for the project and there is still approximately \$191,000 to complete this project with some equipment already purchased.

### **3.6 Commissioner Reports and Updates**

#### **Judge Dabulskis –**

Met with farmers in regards to concerns with the Golden Hills windmills project.

Judge Dabulskis mentioned that the new Sherman County vehicle decals look great.

Judge Dabulskis also mentioned that the Hactor property looks great with the new gravel – Thank you to Mark Coles and the Road department for the great job on this project.

#### **Commissioner Miller –**

Phone meeting with Linda Watson with RCAC. September 15-17<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Miller will be attending County College in Tillamook.

#### **Commissioner Bird –**

**Attended a Rivers Democracy Law meeting; a Center for Living meeting; a Public Health meeting; a Housing Authority meeting and a CAPECO meeting.**

**Commissioner Bird talked to concerned citizens regarding worries that the County is pushing the Covid vaccine.**

**Commissioner Bird met a new candidate for governor at the Senior Center.**

**Commissioner Bird attended a county employee BBQ.**

**Commissioner Bird delivered a flag to the food pantry.**

### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report – June 2021**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2021, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**4.2 Claims – July 2021**

**Hold till August 18th**

**5.0 Public Comment**

**5.1 Kara Lanthorn's email**

**Future Agenda Items**

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 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:

  
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Tammi Gaskey  
Administrative Assistant