



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

**MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 2021**

**Opened Court: 9:00 am**

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

A quorum was present. The Times Journal was present online.

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Nate Stice – Regional Solutions Quarterly Report  
Present: Nate Stice**

Nate Stice, Regional Solutions, gave his quarterly report. Nate stated that he is still unable to travel for work and it will be a while yet before he gets the green light to travel again.

Nate said that County Court should speak with Dan Mahr, Senator Merkley's Office, and Kathleen Cathey, Senator Wyden's Office, for capital spending for smaller projects that are \$1,000,000 and below.

Nate also said that Representative Greg Smith has compiled a list of projects from county commissioners and judges to submit to Salem.

Nate mentioned that he had a list of projects that county commissioners and judges had been turning into him and he has submitted that list to the legislature.

Nate talked about how the regional housing market is crazy right now. He said that there are very few rental options available and those that are available are very expensive. Nate mentioned that there are two big projects coming up – Bakeoven Solar Project and The Dalles Bridge Project, where there will be additional workers in the area looking for housing.

**1.2 9:15 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Supplemental Budget Hearing**

**Supplemental Budget Hearing opened at 9:15 a.m.**

**Present: Debbie Hayden**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Resolution No. 01-05-2021 approving the American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund be included in the County Funds for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.**

**Vote: 2-0**

**Yes: Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Resolution No. 02-05-2021 approving the transfer of funds within the County General, Community Transit, Ambulance, Prevention, CAMI, Emergency Services DA-V/WAP, General Road, County Fair, Tri-County Corrections, Senior Center and SIP Additional Fees Funds for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.**

**Vote: 2-0**

**Yes: Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve resolution making appropriations summary of proposed budget changes for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 as proposed by Debbie Hayden, Finance Director.**

**Vote: 2-0**

**Yes: Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Supplemental Budget Hearing closed at 9:32 a.m.**

**1.3 9:45 a.m. Cindy Brown, OSU Extension Services  
Present: Cindy Brown, Nicole Strong, Ross Turney, Drew Messenger**

Sherman Extension is helping with Sherman Outdoor School for our sixth graders at Cottonwood Canyon each day the week of May 24th. The students will cook their own lunch each day outdoors!

Cindy stated that the State 4-H Office has announced that 4-H programs will be able to follow county guidelines during fair this year.

Cindy started a discussion about OSU's requirement for students and staff to get vaccinated. Nicole Strong, Regional Director Extension and Engagement, stated that OSU's requirements were changing and she no longer thought that employees would be required to get vaccinated. Cindy mentioned that as retirements happen at the Extension Office, she would like the Court to consider consolidating positions and keeping the position a County position.

**1.4 10:00 a.m. — ~~Sherman County Fair Quarterly Report~~**

**1.5 10:30 a.m. 10:17 a.m. Oncourse Insurance – Mike McGowan  
Present: Mike McGowan, Kristi Weis, Drew Messenger**

Mike McGowan, Oncourse Insurance, came to discuss the possibility of Sherman County going through Oncourse Insurance for the County's insurance needs. Mike has worked with Sherman County when the

county was with Western States and Payne West for Insurance. Mike mentioned that Payne West, the county's current provider, was just purchased by a bigger company.

Mike stated that Oncourse Insurance knows the needs of the county, has worked with the county and the company is small enough that you get personal customer service 24/7.

Commissioner Bird and Commissioner Miller were going to talk with Kristi Weiss, County Clerk, to ask additional questions and see how Kristi felt about the presentation.

## **2.0 Action Items**

### **2.1 Wasco Facade**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to amend the motion from May 5, 2021 to approve The City of Wasco, Wasco Store Façade project, with the county's portion being \$10,000.**

**Vote: 2-0**

**Yes: Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.2 Housing Forms**

On the Housing Property Preparation application, County Court would like to have one section removed under Eligible projects:

Extension of existing utility lines to a new home site

- Including water, sewer, electric, fiber services.

County Court feels that this item would fit better in the New Housing Construction grant application.

County Court would like to send these applications back to MCEDD for corrections and then ask MCEDD to send back to the Housing Committee for review and comments before coming back to County Court.

### **2.3 Amended CAFFA Grant Application**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to amend the approved motion from April 21, 2021 to approve the 2021-2022 Sherman County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Program (CAFFA) Grant Application, Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement, and Resolution in the amount of \$563,188, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.4 EMS Supervising Physician Agreement**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the EMS Supervising Physician Agreement between Sherman County Ambulance and Erin Burnham, MD., from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$2,400.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **3.0 Discussion Items**

#### **3.1 Juvenile Quarterly Report**

Good report

#### **3.2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds**

Judge Dabulskis was finally able to get logged into the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds account through the federal government. Verification takes about 4 days and then the County should receive the money.

The hope is to use this money to purchase additional solar trailers and to hire an engineer to assess the Biggs Sewer System.

City's will get their money from the State of Oregon.

#### **3.3 Tri-County Community Corrections**

County Court and Sheriff Lohrey read the draft IGA between Wasco County and Sherman County regarding parole and probation services and everyone agrees that it looks okay. Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, had a couple of questions that County Court would like to know the answer to.

#### **3.4 Drought Declaration**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, approved Resolution 03-05-2021 to declare a State of Drought Emergency in Sherman County May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **3.5 Sherman County/Waste Management Disposal Services**

County Court received a letter from Columbia Ridge Landfill and Recycling Center regarding the annual price adjustment for Sherman County/Waste Management Disposal Services of Oregon, Inc. (WMDSO) Contract. The new price that will be effective July 1, 2021 will be \$26.64 per Ton.

#### **3.6 Commissioner Reports and updates**

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a MCEDD Exec Board meeting; a Leah Horner District meeting; AOC reception; AOC Legislative Session; AOC Board meeting, Senator Findley call, Sherman County Budget Committee meeting; CREA meeting; and Representative Williams call.

Judge Dabulskis met with Adam Stoltz from Zypher about solar trailers.

Judge Dabulskis helped set-up cow panels around one of the solar trailers the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Judge Dabulskis met with people that are interested in buying a piece of property in Biggs.

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a SWCD Board meeting; a Center For Living meeting; a North Central Public Health District meeting; the County Budget Committee meeting; and a Library meeting.

Commissioner Bird stated that she drove over the Rutledge Bridge and it looks good.

Commissioner Bird met with Sheriff Lohrey regarding Center For Living.

Commissioner Bird noted that the foundation forms are poured for the duplexes in Grass Valley.

Commissioner Bird mentioned that the Library will be open to the public starting June 15<sup>th</sup>. The library will be open for walk-ins and curbside service during all of their open hours. Masks are still required for entry into the library at this time. Summer Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm and Saturday's from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Commissioner Bird asked for an update on Starvation Lane. Judge Dabulskis said that Mark Coles, Road Master, needs to look over the contract and then he will report back to County Court.

**Commissioner Miller** – Attended a LCAC meeting; the County Budget Committee meeting; and a Fair Board meeting.

Fair will be the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Miller has been getting questions about the brown grass in the Courthouse lawn near the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Miller has been speaking to Sheriff Lohrey regarding an ordinance concerning side by sides. Commissioner Miller noted that an ordinance may be coming before County Court in the coming months.

### **3.7 Senior Center Flooring**

The Senior Center has been getting quotes for carpet and vinyl and are ready to take the next step which is choosing which vendor to go with.

### **3.8 Equity Plan**

Commissioner Bird asked about Sherman County's Equity Plan. Commissioner Bird has been in meetings where NCPHD has been mentioning Equity Plans and Commissioner Bird wanted to see what Sherman County's plan was. Judge Dabulskis stated that he thought that he read that if you are in the "Low Risk" category you don't have to have an equity plan. Also, Judge Dabulskis stated that he was getting clarification on a statement he read about if you have less than 50,000 people in your county, you don't have to do an equity plan.

The other piece of the discussion was the money that is coming to each county from the State of Oregon to help incentivize people to get vaccinated. Judge Dabulskis stated that he spoke to Nate Stice, from Regional Solutions, and he said that it would be ok to purchase prizes with the money coming from the state. Judge Dabulskis said that besides prizes, some money might be given to NCPHD or Sherman County Medical Clinic to do paperwork and mailings.

## **4.0 Consent Agenda**

**4.1 Minutes of May 5, 2021 as corrected.**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2021 as corrected.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – April 2021**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of April 2021, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

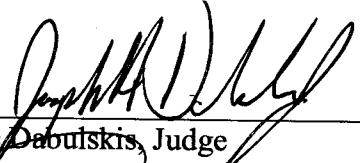
**Abstain: 0**

**4.3 Treasurer’s Report – April 2021**

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

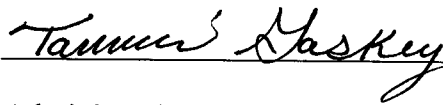
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm

**Sherman County Court**

  
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Joe Dabutskis, Judge

  
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Justin Miller, Commissioner

  
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Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Administrative Assistant