



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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Opened Court:

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

A quorum was present. Times-Journal was present on-line.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Georgia Macnab, Planning Department – Prioritize CEDS

Present: Georgia Macnab, Audrey Rooney

Georgia Macnab, Planning Department, reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list with the County Court; she will send it to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for their board to officially rank the projects. Georgia reminded County Court they needed to rank the list for the top 10 projects.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to prioritize 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project prioritization as follows:

- 1. Work Force Housing**
- 2. Broadband Project**
- 3. Grass Valley Wastewater Project**
- 4. Rufus Backup Power/Emergency Generator Purchase**
- 5. City of Wasco Water and Sewer Lines**
- 6. City of Moro Water System/Telemetry Upgrade**
- 7. Kent Service District Kent Well/Reservoir**
- 8. Fair board Fairground building upgrades**
- 9. City Streets – Repair streets and sidewalks in all cities**
- 10. Sherman Health District Clinic Expansion Backup Power/Emergency Generator**

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

There was discussion about a mobile radar trailer for speeding that can be moved to different locations around the county. It was suggested that this should be brought up to budget committee.

1.2 9:30 a.m. Hannah Fatland Watershed Council Update

Present: Hannah Fatland, Audrey Rooney

Hannah Fatland, Sherman County Watershed Council, came to County Court to give a Watershed Council update.

Lower Grass Valley Canyon Weed Control

- Weed grants funded by the Oregon State Weed Board. A part of an ongoing effort to treat a variety of weeds in the uplands and riparian areas of Lower Grass Valley Canyon.
- Elimination and containment of noxious weeds to prevent further encroachment and to increase habitat.

Lower Grass Valley Canyon Upland Restoration

- 2018 OWEB funded project to address upland issues by implementing restoration practices; including water and sediment control basins (WASCBs), terrace reshapes, wildlife watering facilities/water developments, and upland/range seedings.
- Received Grant extension to allow participants more time to complete projects and to include additional participants within the watershed.

Lower Grass Valley Canyon Structural Restoration

- Recently funded OWEB project to create plans and obtain permits for the implementation of Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) over 5 miles of Lower Grass Valley Canyon.
- Plans will identify where and what types of structures should be placed within the creek.

Future Projects

- A primary function of the Sherman County Area Watershed Council is to provide natural resource outreach and education. However, funding is very difficult to find. The Sherman County Area Watershed Council will be looking for funds to provide natural resource conservation education to Sherman County schools and hope to have more of a presence within them in the future.

Hannah invited County Court to the Sherman County Area Watershed Council Annual Meeting on March 8, 2022 that will be held at Bob's Texas T-Bone & Frosty's Lounge. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with presentations to follow. Please RSVP by March 4th to Amanda Whitman.

1.3 10:00 a.m. Nicole Strong – Extension Office Discussion on Secretary Position

Present: Nicole Strong, Audrey Rooney

Nicole Strong representing OSU Extension discussed with County Court the retirement of Sue Mabe as the Sherman County Extension Office Secretary. The discussion included going over a draft job description and finalizing the job description to start advertising the job opening. It was decided that the County Court would assume the overall supervisory role for this position since county funds pay for this .80 position. OSU does pay .10 for the seed certification duties but that is a separate check that is only paid when duties are performed a few times a year outside of normal job hours.

Hopeful timeline: Advertise job for two weeks. Applications due by March 7th. Interviews on March 10th. Potential start date March 28th. Sue's last day is March 31st. Sue has agreed to come back and train as needed.

1.4 10:45 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District

Present: Rod Asher

Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel

Entered Executive Session at 10:41 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

During Executive Session personnel issues were discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Joe Blunt to access the Vacation Donation Program and use 4 days of donated time from this program to cover the leave of 32 hrs. for January 25 – January 28, 2022 for his COVID related absence even though he does not meet the length of service requirement or the length of absence requirement.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.0 **Action Items**

2.1 AOC Dues

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize payment for 2022 AOC dues in the amount of \$10,989.39.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Library Repairs

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve Bend Commercial Glass quote for \$395.00 to install two Kawneer Weather Astragals at the main entry of the Library.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 IGA Expunction of Juvenile Records

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Intergovernmental Agreement Expunction of Juvenile Records Agreement No. 14835 between Oregon Youth Authority and Sherman County from January 2, 2022 – January 1, 2024. Allowable expenses under this IGA not to exceed \$1,236.90 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Extension Office Secretary job description

Discussed during 1.3

3.2 Library

The Sherman County Public/School Library is seeking to fill part-time positions for Youth Services, Courier, and Library Assistant. The hiring committee will consist of the Librarian, a Library Board member and a School District member.

County Court is waiting to hear back from the school and their counsel with their concerns regarding the library discussion.

3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Commissioner Bird – Attended a SWCD meeting; Center For Living meeting; NCPHD meeting; County Court Employee Handbook work session; meeting with Kenny LaPoint;

Met with Al Barton from Center For Living meeting & Caitlin Blagg from the Moro Medical Clinic to discuss mental health position.

Commissioner Bird had a conference call with Jacque Schei from MCEDD regarding the Wasco Events Center.

Commissioner Bird had a conference call with Nicole Strong from OSU Extension regarding job description for open Extension Secretary Position.

Reached out to Mark Coles regarding Michigan Lane.

Judge Dabulskis – Attended an AOC Natural Resources meeting; AOC Legislative meeting; AOC Board of Directors meeting; County Court Employee Handbook work session; Safety Committee meeting; and a CREA meeting.

Judge Dabulskis reached out to Brittney Dark in Rufus to see if she would be interested in being on the Frontier 911 Budget Committee meeting. Brittney said yes.

Judge Dabulskis stated that TC Energy is interested in becoming a member of CREA.

Judge Dabulskis is having conversations with Pacific Railroad about vacating a piece of property in Biggs.

Judge Dabulskis stated that Crestline is working on the water project site in Biggs.

Commissioner Miller - Attend a Lower John Day meeting; LCHIP meeting (formerly known as LCAC); County Court Handbook work session and an AOC Membership meeting.

4.0 Consent Agenda

~~4.1 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – January 2021~~

4.2 Treasurer’s Report – December 2021
Tabled until next meeting.

5.0 Future Agenda Items

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Sherman County Court

Joe Dabulskis, Judge

Justin Miller, Commissioner

Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Tammi Gaskey, Administrative Assistant