



## Court Agenda

January 5, 2022

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### Additions to Agenda

#### **1.0 Appointment Schedule**

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| <b>1.1</b> | <del>9:00 a.m.</del>  | 9:08 a.m.  | Kristi Weis – Clerk’s Quarterly Report            |
| <b>1.2</b> | <del>9:15 a.m.</del>  | 9:21 a.m.  | Bob Thomas – Wildlife Specialist Quarterly Report |
| <b>1.3</b> | <del>9:30 a.m.</del>  | 9:44 a.m.  | Jacque Schei - Bus Barn IGA                       |
| <b>1.4</b> | <del>9:45 a.m.</del>  | 10:02 a.m. | Jacque Schei – MCEDD Quarterly Report             |
| <b>1.5</b> | <del>10:00 a.m.</del> | 10:12 a.m. | OSU Extension Quarterly Report                    |

#### **2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 Appoint Debbie Hayden as Budget Officer for the 21-22 fiscal year
- 2.2 Columbia Gorge Community College Scholarship
- 2.3 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel
- 2.4 Re-appointment of Fair Board member
- 2.5 Security Cameras

#### **3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 Written Prevention Quarterly Report
- 3.2 CEDS County List
- 3.3 Library
- 3.4 Gilliam’s NCPHD Withdrawal Notification
- 3.5 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights
- 3.6 Commissioner Reports and Updates

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Minutes of November 3, 2021
- 4.2 Claims – December 2021
- 4.3 Treasurer’s Report – November 2021

#### **5.0 Future Agenda Items**

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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**

**JANUARY 5, 2022**

**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.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Additions to Agenda**

**5.0 Public Comment**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 ~~9:00 a.m.~~ 9:08 a.m. Kristi Weis – Clerk’s Quarterly Report**

Present: Kristi Weis, Mike McArthur, Audrey Rooney

Kristi Weis, Sherman County Clerk, gave her quarterly report. Some of the highlights from the report were:

- Redistricting maps have been completed
- There were no BOPTA filings
- County building appraisals have been completed.

Kristi explained that there is a \$2 million dollar Election Modernization Bill and currently the state is working out the details of the money. The money could stay at the state level or possibly part of it stay at the state level and the other part be given to the counties. Kristi says that if Sherman County gets part of this money that the Clerk’s Office would probably purchase cameras for the ballot boxes that are in the different areas throughout the county.

Kristi also mentioned that she will need to hire a temporary employee from April through June while her deputy clerk is on maternity leave.

**1.2    ~~9:15 a.m.~~    9:21 a.m.    Bob Thomas – Wildlife Specialist Quarterly Report**

Present: Bob Thomas, Mike McArthur, Audrey Rooney, Jacque Schei

Bob Thomas, Wildlife Specialist, gave his quarterly report. Bob talked about the activity that he has been seeing in the last several months which includes:

- Raccoons killed a guinea pig
- Coyotes killed fall calves
- Coyotes killed turkeys
- Bobcat killed chickens and barn cats

Bob talked about being the ‘Dog Deputy’ for the Sheriff’s Office. Bob is not an official member of the Sheriff’s Office but he does help out as needed in traffic accidents, during an arrest if there is potential for an animal to need assistance, and other like instances. Bob is working with the Sheriff’s Office to get a shirt to make him look more official so when he shows up at a scene people know that he belongs there.

**1.3    ~~9:30 a.m.~~    9:44 a.m.    Jacque Schei – Bus Barn IGA**

Present: Jacque Schei

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and Sherman County for Project Management Support with funds to come out of the Community Transit Reserve Fund and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Project Management Support - MCEDD will provide services to support completion of funding administrative requirements, procurement of consultants and contractors to perform the work, labor standards reviews, and general project management duties as described in the Exhibit A: Scope of Work document attached to the IGA.**

**1.4    ~~9:45 a.m.~~    10:02 a.m.    Jacque Schei – MCEDD Quarterly Report**

Present: Jacque Schei, Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell

**Jacqu Schei gave highlights from her MCEDD quarterly report.**

MCEDD has posted a draft of the 2022-2027 CEDS update for public comment. It can be found on our website. The draft was presented at the annual Columbia Gorge Economic Symposium in November. Staff coordinated with Sherman County Planning and North Central Regional Solutions to plan for an outreach meeting focused on projects from communities and organizations around the County. The meeting is scheduled for late January in order to provide additional opportunity to engage with project owners in advance of the priority project list development by the County Court in February.

Staff worked with three recent applicants of the New Housing Construction Grant to file restrictive covenants per the updated terms of the program. Final paperwork for these applicants was submitted and approved for payment by the County Judge.

Continued to engage with Wasco School Event Center staff to refine the business plan, specifically documenting financial information. Staff anticipates some additional feedback to revise the plan and expects to have a final version in early January. The Center also presented details of their operations to the City of Wasco and staff provided some considerations for to support the discussion in terms of funding.

Staff talked with a resident about the future of the dance school in Wasco. The school is shutting down because they cannot sustain the organization as a private business. A group of parents is interested in setting up a nonprofit organization to continue running the dance school. Staff reviewed work required to set up a nonprofit organization, possible sources of grant funding if the school had nonprofit status and outlined some considerations the group should discuss before moving forward with setting up a nonprofit.

## **1.5    ~~10:00 a.m.~~    10:12 a.m.    OSU Extension Quarterly Report**

Present: Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell, Mike McArthur, Audrey Rooney

Jacob Powell, Agriculture Extension Faculty, gave his quarterly report. Jacob stated that he held a pesticide course at the Sherman County Extension Conference Room on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Jacob also discussed the upcoming agriculture specific first aid class that will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in-person. A virtual first aid class will be held from 1-3pm on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. General first aid considerations for farmers and ranchers will be covered with a focus on trauma in agricultural accidents. The training will feature Eric Lloyd with Oregon Risk Management Solutions, Inc. and Jacob Powell, OSU General Agricultural Extension Agent.

Similar to the last two years, OSU Extension is putting on a free Ag Wildfire Training held virtually on February 16<sup>th</sup> (1-4pm) and in person on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-4 pm) at the Wasco County Extension Office in The Dalles. Jacob Powell will cover innovative ag fire suppression equipment, defensible space, and the use of vegetative fuels breaks, including ongoing local research with Forage Kochia, Yarrow, and Flax.

Cindy Brown, OSU Extension Service and 4-H Development, gave her quarterly report. Cindy stated that a new year of 4-H has started this fall. 4-H is continuing with a smaller list of clubs in Sherman County due to the pandemic and 4-H requirements. The 4-H clubs this year will be: livestock, photography and outdoor cooking.

Cindy mentioned that she is currently taking a class on “Living with Chronic Conditions” and sees its real potential to help residents in Sherman County. Cindy asked County Court for their support in taking a training that starts this February that would qualify her to be a facilitator to hold meetings locally. Cindy did mention that in order to start facilitating meetings in the county, she would need at least one more person trained to facilitate. The Court suggested Cindy talk to Deanna Christiansen in Prevention. This training helps people gain confidence and hope. 6 out of 10 adults live with chronic conditions.

## **2.0    Action Items**

### **2.1    Appointment: Budget Officer for 2022-2023 fiscal year**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Debbie Hayden as Budget Officer for Sherman County for the 2022-23 fiscal year.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.2 Columbia Gorge Community College Scholarship**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 as a scholarship donation to Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation in support of Sherman County students attending Columbia Gorge Community College.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.3 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel**

**Entered Executive Session at 10:36 a.m.**

**Exited Executive Session at 10:41 a.m.**

During Executive Session a COVID – 19 Religious Exemption was discussed.

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Religious exemption that was presented and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign the letter.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.4 Re-Appointment of County Weed Board member**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to re-appoint Scott Susi to the County Weed Board for a three year term ending December 2024.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.5 Security Cameras**

County Court had conversation about adding security cameras at the Weed Department and the Road Department at this time but still have questions regarding re-occurring fees and recording.

The Senior Center already has a security and fire alarm system so County Court does not feel that they need a security camera system. County Court is also considering not putting security cameras out at the Burnett Building at this time. Security Cameras are a big expense and there is nothing outside at the Burnett Building that should attract unwanted traffic. This subject can be revisited at another time.

## **3.0 Discussion Items**

### **3.1 Written Prevention Quarterly Report**

County Court was very impressed with the Prevention Quarterly report.

### **3.2 CEDS County List**

County Court decided not to add Biggs Sewer project to the CEDS County list but would like to look into adding a Solar Trailer project to the list.

Commissioner Bird suggested that Tammi post a quorum notice on-line regarding County Court members attending the CEDS meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office put on by Regional Solutions.

### **3.3 Library**

County Court suggested that the new draft Resolution be updated to include a list of Library Board responsibilities and who does what, and the County's responsibilities. Commissioner Bird is going to go back to the Library Board and ask if there are additional Library responsibilities other than those listed in ORS 357.490

### **3.4 Gilliam's NCPHD Withdrawal Notification**

Sherman County Court acknowledges that they received Gilliam County's North Central Public Health District's withdrawal notification.

### **3.5 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights Entered Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. Exited Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.**

During Executive Session possible litigation was discussed.

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

**Judge Joe Dabulskis** – Attended a land owners meeting remotely; a governor's call; an AOC Board of Director's Special Session; a MCEDD Board meeting; and a NACo call.

Judge Dabulskis mentioned that he has been making several call regarding the heat issues for the newer building of the courthouse. He still doesn't have someone that will commit to coming out and looking at the problem.

The lot in the Asher subdivision has sold and we have received the funds from the sale. We have one lot left in that subdivision.

Judge Dabulskis attended the county employee breakfast.

#### **Commissioner Justin Miller –**

Commissioner Miller spoke with a resident who gave kudos to North Sherman Fire as well as Emergency Services for both agencies assistance at recent calls.

Commissioner Miller spoke to K'Lynn Lane from the Condon Chamber who is looking for a Sherman County person to sit on the Chamber Board.

Commissioner Miller attended the county employee breakfast.

**Commissioner Joan Bird** – Attended a Center For Living meeting.

Commissioner Bird attended the county employee breakfast.

Commissioner Bird met with Center For Living and GOBHI about a mental health position.

Commissioner Bird wanted to send a big Thank You to the County Road Department, ODOT and all the City Road Crews for all their help on keeping the roads clear and safe to drive on during the bad weather and all year long.

Commissioner Bird also wanted to send a big Thank You to the Sheriff's Office and Sherman County Emergency Services for all their help in assisting residents during the bad weather and helping to keep all our residents and visitors safe all year long.

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

##### **4.1 Minutes of November 3, 2021**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2021 as corrected.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

##### **4.2 Claims – December 2021**

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

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

##### **4.3 Treasurer's Report – November 2021**

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

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

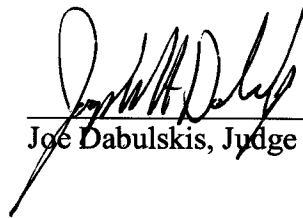
**Mike McArthur stated that he would like the County Court to clarify in writing the responsibilities of the Library.**

#### **6.0 Future Items**

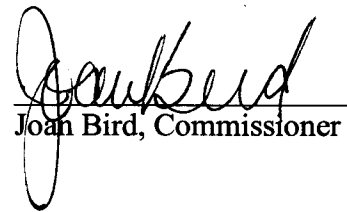
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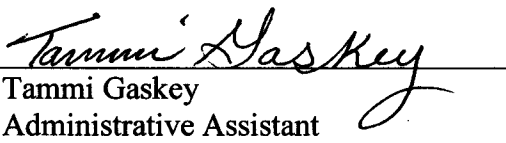
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**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