



Court Agenda

July 6, 2022

Start meeting at Old Oskalooska at 9:00 a.m.
Then continue meeting at Wasco City Hall at 9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Joe – History of County Court at Old Oskalooska in Wasco
Move meeting to Wasco City Hall

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Public Comment

2.0 Appointment Schedule

2.1	9:30 a.m.	9:17 a.m.	Brennah Miller, Sherman County Kids Zone
2.2	10:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services Quarterly Report
2.3	10:15 a.m.	9:35 a.m.	Jacque Schei, MCEDD Quarterly Report

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

MINUTES

JULY 6, 2022

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.

9:00 a.m. Joe – History of County Court at Old Oskaloosa in Wasco

Judge Dabulskis opened County Court with the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave an overview of the history of holding County Court at the Old Oskaloosa in Wasco, Oregon on July 6-8 in 1892. Now, 130 years later we are once again back at the Old Oskaloosa opening County Court. Judge Dabulskis read the first page of the minutes from the July 6-8, 1892 minutes. The minutes gave us all insight into the business that took place over a three day period 130 years ago. The minutes reflected very long discussions about elections and who got elected as County Commissioner and County Clerk.

After reading the first page of the minutes, everyone posed for photos in front of the Old Oskaloosa taken by Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler who was representing the Times-Journal.

County Court recessed at 9:10 a.m.

County Court reconvened at 9:15 a.m. at Wasco City Hall

Judge Dabulskis thanked everyone for joining County Court in Wasco and then made introductions. Judge Dabulskis also let people know that there was coffee and cupcakes if anyone wanted refreshments.

Additions to Agenda

3.3 Prevention Credit Card

1.0 Public Comment

Mayor Beth McCurdy welcomed County Court and extended an open invitation for them to come back anytime. Mayor McCurdy also thanked the audience for coming to attend the County Court meeting being held at Wasco City Hall.

2.0 Appointment Schedule

2.1 ~~9:30 a.m.~~ 9:17 a.m. Brennah Miller, Sherman County Kids Zone

Present: Beth McCurdy, Brennah Miller, Terry Fassbender, Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler, Tom Labenske, Cory Saenz, Jacque Schei

Brennah Miller, Sherman County Kids Zone Board member, came to County Court to give an update. Brennah said the idea for the Kids Zone was started a year ago. The board tries to hold events monthly. On July 13 @ 10:30 a.m. there will be story time and Columbia Gorge Raptors will be presenting a Raptor program. The Raptors will be back on August 10 @ 10:30 with another animal. Rocket launchers have been a huge success and will be back on August 26th. They have also been having Lego night with pizza in the evening once a month for the last few months. Lego night has been a huge success and they have had to rent out another room for this activity.

The Kids Zone was set-up for children ages 2-12 and is open Monday – Thursday 10-1. The room has a code lock and once you sign up for The Kids Zone (no fee) you will get the code. Currently, the Kids Zone is funded by grants, donations and fundraisers.

Brennah said that the positives in having the Kids Zone is that it gives kids somewhere else to go and play, socialize and try out new things.

Someone in the audience asked Brennah to rate the facility on a scale of 1-10. Brennah said that the room was a 9 in the winter months and a 4 in the summer months due to the heat. Brennah rated the building overall as a 7. She said that the building was very clean and Ian is very helpful if they need to rent another room. Brennah mentioned that there have been issues around the door locking system and the days/times available to use the room for parents and children.

Wasco Mayor Beth McCurdy commends the group for all their work with the kids. County Court stated that they are very happy with the monthly programming and the availability for children to have another place to go play and socialize with other kids.

Judge Dabulskis asked Jacque Schei if MCEDD will be offering another grant writing series. He stated that Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler took the class and found it very useful.

2.2 ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 10:10 a.m. Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services Quarterly Report

Present: Bob Thomas, Beth McCurdy, Terry Fassbender, Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler, Tom Labenske, Cory Saenz

Bob Thomas, Wildlife Services, came to County Court and presented his quarterly report. Bob stated that he helped with outdoor school for the last 25 years.

Bob mentioned that rattlesnakes are popping up in Sherman County. There was a bird issue at the Wasco School Event Center and there are raccoon issues in Wasco.

Bob talked about The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission explaining that the commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor for staggered four-year terms. One commissioner must be from each congressional district, one from east of the Cascades and one from the west of the Cascades. Bob talked to County Court about some rumors that he was hearing in regards to some decisions that the commission was making. Bob is going to be attending a meeting in the near future with other people

around the state and he hopes to get to the bottom of the rumors. Bob said that he is going to this meeting with a list of questions and hopes to come back with answers. Bob would like to meet with County Court after the meeting to give more information.

2.3 ~~10:15 a.m.~~ 9:35 a.m. Jacque Schei, MCEDD Quarterly Report

Present: Jacque Schei, Beth McCurdy, Terry Fassbender, Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler, Tom Labenske, Cory Saenz

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

Housing Assistance: Staff worked with two housing grant applicants to submit completed applications in the last quarter – one Housing Rehabilitation Grant application and one Housing Property Preparation Grant application. Since the Grant Review Committee was disbanded by the Court in May, the Court served as the review committee. The Court also reviewed project extension requests for approved applicants. A grant awardee sold a rental property before the five-year timeline in the restrictive covenant was up and was required to pay back the full grant amount, so staff supported the County in developing a process for repayment of grant awards and releasing restrictive covenants. Lastly, staff has had conversations with Azure Standard about the housing plans they have for the old Moro School. They are planning stand-alone apartments and co-living spaces and would like to know if they would be eligible for the housing grants.

- **Grant Writing Workshop:** In partnership with Paul Lindberg and Hat Creek Consulting, MCEDD hosted a four-part grant writing training in May and early June. Sherman County community members were invited to participate and representatives from two Sherman County organizations and several regional organizations that serve Sherman County were able to join the sessions. A total of approximately 25 participated from around the region.

- **Small Business Website Development Program:** This program from MCEDD supported businesses with little to no online presence in developing their own websites. The program helped 17 businesses, including two from Sherman County.

- **Faster Internet Oregon campaign:** Partners have finalized the speed test platform website and marketing materials. MCEDD and partners are working together to clearly identify gaps in high-speed Internet service, ensure that funding decisions are based on accurate service information, and learn about how our region is using broadband today to support businesses, residents, and communities. MCEDD staff has finalized outreach materials for our region to support both the speed test data and a brief survey to gather additional context for broadband work in the area.

- **Organizational support:** Staff has continued providing support as needed for Little Wheats Day Care (contracting support for bookkeeper, understanding spending requirements for state COVID funds and their Sherman Development League grant to replace decks and windows) and Wasco School Event Center (updates to business plan and discussions about their future). Staff also provided information to the Pickleball Club about creating a nonprofit and possible grant funding to resurface tennis courts in Rufus and to a community member interested in looking for funding for a pool or splashpad. The Kids Zone has reached out to request staff support in writing grants to support their operations in the next year and staff would like to get feedback from the Court.

- Staff attended a tour of the old Branding Iron building with the owners, Judge Dabulskis, Commissioner Bird, and Business Oregon. Staff connected the owners to MCEDD's loan fund manager and to information from the state's programs for façade improvements.

- Staff talked to a butcher in Grass Valley about grant opportunities to help them expand. Staff reached out to the program coordinator for the Oregon Meat Processing Grant to find out more details on the future of the grant and to Business Oregon to discuss possible grant funding for small businesses.

- Staff met with the Director of the Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Oregon Main Street program, opportunities for façade improvement funds for businesses in Sherman County through the Chamber,

and their business ambassador and technical assistance programs. Staff encouraged the Chamber to bring updates on their programs serving Sherman County to a future Court meeting.

- **City of Rufus support:** Staff met with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the City to discuss the information RCAC needs to map their water and wastewater systems. Staff also provided technical assistance to the City to support their search for an auditor and a contractor for window replacement. The City is investigating why their well #3 is not performing sufficiently and staff has provided input on next steps. Staff also provided the City with a list of possible resources to help purchase an emergency backup generator.

- **City of Grass Valley wastewater:** Staff helped coordinate and attended a community meeting in the City of Grass Valley to discuss a new wastewater system. Staff also attended a One Stop meeting to discuss possible funding options for the City, including programs from Business Oregon, USDA Rural Development, and Oregon DEQ. The next step is to work with the City to plan another community meeting to discuss the funding possibilities.

- Staff drafted a scope of work for engineering services for a new fire hall and a request for proposals for the North Sherman County Fire Protection District. Staff met with the District Board in April to discuss the general process for starting this type of project and associated costs. The District has decided to move forward without support from staff at this point.

- Staff received a request from a community member about electric vehicle charging stations and possible funding to support construction. Staff researched the Pacific Power program that provides funding for EV charging stations and ODOT's upcoming plans. ODOT will invest \$100 million in federal and state sources over the next five years to increase EV charging in the state. The funding will focus on charging infrastructure for light-duty EVs like cars, SUVs, and trucks. New charging sites installed on Oregon's seven EV corridors (including I-84 and Hwy. 97) will be spaced roughly every 50 miles and each site will have at least four fast chargers.

3.0 Action Items

3.1 Library

Discussion took place regarding what County Court would like to see in an IGA.

- **Hours - # of hours per week, tentative schedule for public hours. The State ORS says a minimum of 10 hours per week open to public.**
- **Governance – Library Board**
- **Liability – There are two types of liability and we need to address both. We need to split public vs. school**
- **Term – Trial period for IGA for two years**
- **Outside maintenance – County**
- **Inside maintenance – School**
- **School – employees**
- **Supervision of employees –**
- **IGA – would like to use original documents and add a few other things. The petition signers wanted to remind us to look at the original documents.**
- **Judge Dabulskis will contact Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, to draft an IGA with our thoughts.**

3.2 Services Contract - Helion

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Client Software Support provided by Helion in the amount of \$44,088 for a term starting July 1st, 2022 till June 30, 2023 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

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

- 3.3 Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize issuance of a Sherman County Prevention credit card in the amount of \$2,000 to Prevention Coordinator Deanna Christiansen.**

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

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Written Prevention Quarterly Report

Great report. Deanna Christiansen, Prevention Coordinator has a lot of programs going on. Open gym, Harvest Festival, Summer Reading Program, etc. Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler gave Deanna praise for her enthusiasm and organization and involvement with kids. County Court also gave kudos to Deanna for a job well done.

4.2 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Judge Dabulskis – Attended a County Employee meeting.

Judge Dabulskis reached out to Regional Solutions and Secretary of State in regards to the Dirty Cowgirl and their liquor license.

Judge Dabulskis stated that the Senior Center is currently closed due to a broken pipe.

Judge Dabulskis thanked the City of Wasco for the letter of support on the resiliency project. Judge Dabulskis was able to get letters of support from CREA, Representative Smith, City of Rufus, City of Wasco, City of Moro and the Sherman County School District.

Commissioner Miller –

Commissioner Miller stated that the excavation work is finished at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Miller mentioned that more information will be coming soon regarding the Veggie RX program.

Commissioner Bird – Attended a Mid-Columbia Community Action meeting.

5.0 Consent Agenda

5.1 Claims – June 2022

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Claims for the month of June 2022, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

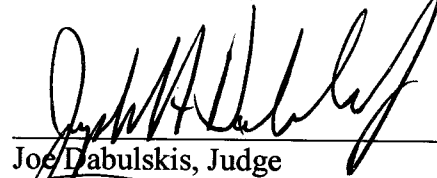
Abstain: 0

County Court discussed a County Employee BBQ. They settled on September 8th as the date. Commissioner Bird stated that she did not want this to be a potluck. She really wanted County Court to put this on for the employees as a 'thank you' for all their hard work.

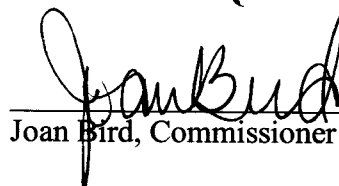
Judge Dabulskis thanked everyone for attending the County Court meeting in Wasco and he thanked Mayor McCurdy for letting County Court meet at Wasco City Hall.

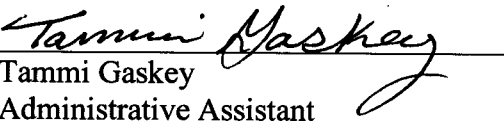
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Sherman County Court


Joe Dabulskis, Judge


Justin Miller, Commissioner


Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant