



Court Agenda

November 2, 2022

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Opened Court: 9:00 a.m.

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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1.1 9:00 a.m. Paul Conway, Veteran Services' Quarterly Report

Present: Paul Conway, Deanna Christiansen, Dan Shanahan, Verna McClennan, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Paul Conway, Tri-County VSO, stated that the PACT Act was signed by President Biden on August 8, 2022. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to the substances. This law helps up provide generations of Veterans – and their survivors – with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The PACT Act will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras; it adds 20 + more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures; adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation; requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care.

Paul stated that his outreach in September regarding suicide prevention.

Judge Dabulskis stated that Sherman County Courthouse is joining other local governing bodies around the country by joining Operation Green Light November 7-13. This means that we are shining a green

light on our building the week of November 7-13 to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Paul mentioned that he is doing meal/grocery vouchers for Veterans for Veterans' Day again this year. This is a program that the Veterans seem to like and participate in every year.

1.2 ~~9:20 a.m.~~ 9:15 a.m. Deanna Christiansen, Prevention Quarterly Report

Present: Deanna Christiansen, Dan Shanahan, Verna McClennan, Brittany Wood, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Deanna Christiansen, Prevention Coordinator, came to County Court to present her quarterly report. She started out by thanking everyone for all of the support that helped ensure a great summer of programming and community opportunities, especially support from county court, members of the Sherman County Prevention Team, Amber, OYC crew and crew leaders, sheriff's office, swim bus partners, Sherman County Public/School Library, Sherman 4-H/OSU Extension, PTO/Boosters, community collaborators, parents, and all the kids. The support received has truly shown how strong of a community we live in.

Deanna highlighted some of the updates from her quarterly report:

- **Scholar Readers** - Janet Pinkerton reached out, and she believes that this program will be able to be back in the school this fall. Prevention will provide the funds needed for the books used during this program.
- Lunch Buddies-Amber has championed this for our group! Amber and I, along with Sheriff Lohrey and deputies will be lunch buddies for SCS PreK-5/ Gth grades this school year.
- Open Gym; Sherman Prevention/Sherman County Wellness Center - Currently this collaboration is planning a Turkey Trot/SK with PTO/Boosters. Following that, we will look at Open Gym dates. We feel that Fall/Winter is the best time for these to be offered.
- Swim Bus - Swim Bus had over 70 kids signed up, with regular weekly attendance of 30-40. It was a great season; transportation, and support from pools was wonderful.
- **Summer Reading** - Sherman Prevention had the opportunity to help support this year's summer reading program offered through the Sherman Public/School Library. Due to short staffing there was a need for support, and this has been a fun collaboration. Summer Reading had record numbers for attendance this year. There were great collaborations within the community to make this happen.
- Family Nights/Events - Movie Nights @ Wasco School Event Center began October 14, there is also some planning happening for Family Game Nights, and a Family/Middle School dance has been planned for February. Thank you to 4-H Leaders Association for the loan of a popcorn machine, Cindy for mentioning it, and Stephen for picking it up for me.
- Preschool Trick-or-Treat -Thank you to Tammi and Dana for helping me to get this planned, county court for approving it, everyone at the courthouse for participating, and Sherman County Fire/Rescue/EMS for participating.

- Trunk-or -Treat - Wasco School Event Center, October 29. This event was great, and well attended.
- OYC- Huge shout out and THANK YOU to Amber for having the OYC grant ready to roll out this year. We had 6 crew members, and 2 crew leaders that helped make the program a success. The community was very gracious in helping us to keep the schedule full, and the crew working.
- QPR - We partnered up with Hood River County again to offer QPR training for the OYC crew/leader. Sherman County currently has 9 youth gatekeepers for suicide prevention efforts. Recently the Wasco County Public Library reached out to me about QPR training information when they heard from a student that recently transferred to The Dalles High that they had done QPR here in Sherman County.
- Problem Gambling Prevention - 2023 implementation plans are due in December. I will work with Wasco County on this. Our goal is to use funding to offer community speakers/trainings. We are interested in some of the research being done linking teenage physiological reactions to gaming, and the link to future gambling habits. Recent survey results have shown rising trends among middle school aged students and gambling.

1.3 9:40 a.m. 9:43 a.m. Dan Shanahan, Regional ODOT,

Present: Dan Shanahan, Deanna Christiansen, Verna McClennan, Brittany Wood, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Commissioner Bird told Dan Shanahan, Regional ODOT, about a couple of areas of concern: Fairview and Hwy 206 and Munklin and Hwy 97.

Dan explained that in 2022 an agreement between the POTUS and the Departments of Transportation and Energy that is ensuring \$5 Billion of funding goes towards a national EV charging network. So far, \$615,000,000 has been allocated across all 50 states, pending approval, to help the city and state governments finally build some infrastructure around accessible EV charging.

Dan explained that there are 8 charging stations slated for US Hwy 97 between The Dalles to Klamath Falls.

Dan also mentioned that ODOT will be coming out with information for Level II charger rebate programs.

Recessed at 9:58 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

1.4 10:00 a.m. 10:05 a.m. Sheriff Lohrey/Undersheriff Burgett

Present: Brad Lohrey, James Burgett, Deanna Christiansen, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Sheriff Brad Lohrey started his presentation off by asking the high school students a question “Every town is exactly 9 miles apart. Why are the towns exactly 9 miles apart?” Brad asked the students to do some research and let him know the answer.

Brad discussed cars and how hard it is to order a new Sheriff’s Office vehicle. All cars seem to be on backorder for over a year. His office ordered a car in November 2021 and it is expected to be delivered in a few months. Then you have to send it off to be fitted with all the right equipment which will take 3-4 months. All vehicles ordered after 2023 will be electric and will need charging stations. One question Brad asked County Court to put in the back of their minds is where will the County put the charging stations for the Sheriff’s Office vehicles and should charging stations also be added to deputy houses?

Brad asked County Court to ask County Counsel to write a letter to Ford in The Dalles about the turbo issue. Brad has a vehicle at Ford in The Dalles and it has been there for almost a year. Ford in The Dalles has put in 4 turbos but they keep going out in the vehicle and now it has messed up the engine and the engine needs to be rebuilt or replaced.

Kyle Burnett graduates on Friday November 4th. He will have a couple of weeks of field training and then he will be in a car by himself with another deputy on duty.

Brad gave an update on Frontier 911. He stated that they are down to 4 dispatchers. This is an extremely low number. There was consensus of County Court to have Judge Dabulskis send a letter asking questions of other counties regarding 911 services. It was mentioned that there are 3 dispatchers from Fossil and 1 from Sherman County that work at the Frontier 911 in Condon.

Brad stated that the Sheriff’s Detective, Travis West, has been working with other counties on prostitution stings, cybercrimes and human trafficking stings.

1.5 10:30 a.m. 10:41 a.m. Ryan LeBlanc, Sage Technologies

Present: Ryan LeBlanc, Scott Ferguson, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Ryan LeBlanc and Scott Ferguson came to County Court to give an update.

- Met with Governor Brown in Sherman County and showed her a solar trailer.
- Discussion about Frontier 911 and discussed possibly was to help with the dispatcher shortage. One idea was to have 911 consoles at home – this is very expensive. Another idea is to have an office in Sherman County for employees to work. Wheeler County has one back-up office.
- Judge Dabulskis asked to what advantage we could use our switch.
- Cottonwood site – break ground later in November. Currently in the last phase of the permitting process. Permits have taken a long time to get.
- Next year there will need to be an upgrade on the switch. Upgrades happen routinely every two years.
- Ryan asked Judge Dabulskis to get list of clients from RTG.
- Update on Phase 3 of the solar repeater trailers and equipment. There are 110 users on these systems. Ryan and Scott have been trying to come up with ideas for less expensive ways to do the same thing. There are two systems ordered. Hopefully the equipment will be up and running by the end of January. This will take care of four sites. Judge Dabulskis asked Ryan and Scott to send him coordinates so that he can get land use agreements for the two new systems.

1.6 11:30 a.m. 11:23 a.m. Kelsi Phillips – Transit Strategic Business Plan & Quarterly Report

Present: Kelsi Phillips, Rod Asher, Kevin Stuart, Wyatt Owens, Eduardo Rubio, Caitlyn Jauken, Morgan Geary, Cadence Smith, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Michael Blagg, Logan Barrett, Josh Ward, Tyler Ward, Natalie Martin, Cade von Borstel

Kelsi Phillips, Transit department, presented the Sherman County Community Transit Strategic Plan to County Court. Included in the presentation was the missioner, current services, opportunities, challenges and risks. Kelsi talked about the vision and goals as well as key strategies. One of the goals is to increase community awareness by being more active on social media and web page, marketing, community events and articles in the Citizen Reporter and Times Journal. Another goal is to offer living wages for drivers, manage fleet to reduce costs and clarify donation levels for riders.

Kelsi gave a bus barn update and mentioned that the goal is the break ground on the bus barn in the spring of 2023.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve Judge Dabulskis signing the Moda Care contract upon review.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve draft of the Sherman County Transit Strategic Plan.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Recessed at 11:48 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:50 a.m. (students left)

1.7 11:50 a.m. 12:04 p.m. Rod Asher – Weed District Quarterly Report

Present: Rod Asher, Kenny LaPoint, Kelli Horvath, Leslie Narramore, Jennifer Pauletto

Rod Asher, Weed District Supervisor, came to County Court to give his quarterly report. Some of the highlights were:

- Exterior cameras have been installed at the Weed Shop this summer and seem to be working.
- The overhead water fill station was expanded to accommodate the new spray truck.
- The new Road-side spray truck for County Roads was received and put into service on August 17.
- The old mower with a blown engine, and both the 2000 and 2008 Honda four wheelers and a small trailer were declared surplus and taken to auction that took place October 28/29th. Proceeds from this auction are planned to be used to replace existing side-by-side machines, one for the 2013 CWMA unit and one for the 2013 Weeds. The two older units will be kept and used as back-ups, at this time.
- Fall preparations are taking place now including: draining sprinkler systems; removing leaves; trimming plants; and fertilizing the yards as needed.

- DeMoss Park continues to have its issues, including the pavilion structural problems and a lack of lighting in the parking lot. Two trees near the front parking lot are considered hazardous.

Rod also mentioned that Tom Macnab has worked part-time this season to help with spraying. This will not continue next year. The work load and crew level are being evaluated. A replacement part-time employee, or additional full-time, needs to be found.

It was discussed that during budget season there needs to be a discussion regarding tree removal for the Senior Center, DeMoss Park, Museum and Courthouse to get maintenance on the trees caught up.

Commissioner Miller was asked to reach out to his contacts regarding adding power at the Sherman County property across from the Sheriff's office.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Luciano Tree and Lawn Service LLC quote for \$4,980.00 (out of the Parks Fund) to work on and remove 2 hazardous poplar trees at west side of parking lot's end and sidewalk near park sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.8 12:30 p.m. 12:26 p.m. Kenny LaPoint, Kelli Horvath, Leslie Narramore – Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative Strategic Plan

Present: Kenny LaPoint, Kelli Horvath, Leslie Narramore, Jennifer Pauletto

Kenny LaPoint, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, talked about the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative Strategic Plan. Kenny stated that over the years, there has been several, local efforts to work together to prevent and end houselessness. But this work has never been coordinated across all five counties in Oregon and Washington in the Mid-Columbia area. So, in 2022 the region's leading houselessness assistance providers, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council and Washington Gorge Action Programs, founded the Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative. They brought together nearly 40 organizations, local governments, and individuals from Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties to write a five-year strategic plan to improve the response to houselessness. Now, the Collaborative is partnering to make it a reality.

The Mid-Columbia Houseless Collaborative envisions a region with equitable opportunities and support, where everyone who needs stable housing can find and afford it – especially communities who have faced disproportionate barriers to housing – so everyone can achieve the best quality of life possible.

Kenny gave out information about shelters and street outreach as well:

Shelter for Wasco and Sherman County Residents

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council's non-congregate shelter site in The Dalles is open year-round and has 34 beds. It is located at the corner of Bargeway and Terminal Avenue. Shelter guest intakes take place from 9am-5pm every weekday. For more information about available shelter beds or other emergency lodging resources available to Wasco and Sherman County residents during severe winter weather events, call (541) 980-0855. Sherman County residents enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan can call (877) 875-4657 to schedule a free ride to a shelter.

Street Outreach Resources in Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman Counties

In addition to shelter and emergency lodging services, MCCAC and its partners provide street outreach services and supplies to Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman County residents as we work to ensure unsheltered community members can stay warm through these tough winter months. Street outreach staff also help provide direct referrals to sheltering and other relevant resources during severe winter weather events.

1.9 ~~1:00 p.m.~~ 1:13 p.m. Mark Coles – Vacant position in Road Department

Present: Mark Coles

Mark Coles, Road master, stated that Gary Shull would be retiring at the end of November and he asked County Court if he could advertise and hire a full-time person for this position.

There was a discussion about the CDL (Commercial Driver License). Requirements have changed recently and there are more hoops to go through to obtain a CDL. For this reason, Mark would like to change the wording from required to preferred during the hiring process. Mark also asked County Court for input regarding going in the direction of other counties and allowing new hires to obtain the CDL after the hire date.

Consensus was to approve Mark Coles advertising and hiring for Gary Shull's position since he is retiring at the end of November. There will be some language added about CDL can be obtained within XXX amount of time (county will pay for training and associated fees) There will also be added language regarding staying so long with Sherman County or paying back a percentage of the CDL fee.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 County College

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve sending Tammi Gaskey to County College in 2023 and paying the registration fee of \$850.00, travel and lodging expenses.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 MOU between Sherman County and Sherman County School District – reunification site.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County and Sherman County School District – reunification site as of November 2, 2022.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Library Update