



Court Agenda January 4, 2023

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1.2 9:30 a.m. Sheriff Deputy Swearing In

1.3 10:00 a.m. 9:57 a.m. Sherman County Extension Office Quarterly Report

1.4 10:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. Emergency Services Quarterly Report

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****If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with:**

<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations</i>	<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights</i>
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**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2023

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

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Transit – Kelsi Phillips**

Present: Kelsi Phillips

Kelsi Phillips, Transit Director, presented the STIF Plan 2023-25. Kelsi described what the STIF Plan was for – to maintain existing services that cater to seniors for a slower paced shopping experience. The service is completely dial-a-ride and the clients using the services are repeat riders, with occasional new passengers, who have come to rely on the service as their only means to obtain groceries, pick up prescriptions, and tend to necessary business such as banking not available in our rural area.

Kelsi also mentioned that they would like to expand services to include bi-monthly (Rufus) and once monthly (Wasco) trips to our local food banks as demand dictates. This will be an added service separate from our shopping trips, available to all low-income families, seniors, Veterans and disabled persons.

Kelsi stated that one of her goals is to increase base pay for drivers and give increase to current drivers in the next couple of years. Kelsi doesn't feel that the pay for Transit drivers is competitive with other like positions in neighboring counties.

County Court welcomed Kelsi to her new official role as Transit Director.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the 2023-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Formula Fund STIF Plan between Sherman County Transit and the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Transportation.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.2 9:30 a.m. Sheriff Deputy Swearing In

Cody Callahan was sworn in this morning by Sheriff Lohrey as the newest Sherman County Deputy. Deputy Callahan has over a decade of service as a combat medic with the Oregon Army National Guard and is still active serving.

Welcome Deputy Cody Callahan.

1.3 ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 9:57 a.m. Sherman County Extension Office Quarterly Report

Present: Cindy Brown, Jacob Powell

Jacob Powell came to County Court and presented his quarterly report. Jacob highlighted the following:

- Tri-County Hazardous Waste – Recycling is becoming a bigger part of this program which means that the bi-laws may need to be updated.
 - Hazardous Waste Events have been very popular in Sherman County
 - Recycling is becoming more common every year
- Pesticide classes - Jacob has offered 4 pesticide classes with 55 people in attendance.
- Wildfire Training – Agricultural Wildfire Training In person on February 7th and virtually on February 10, please register at <https://beav.es/5b4>. RFPA Wildfire Training will be held February 1st and 2nd at CGCC, please RSVP by texting Mike Kelly at 541-993-1565.
- Farm First Aid class – In Person, January 18th, and virtually January 20th. Registration is encouraged and required for webinar: <https://beav.es/5bo>, class costs \$20, paid by cash or check at the door or by mail to Wasco County OSU Extension, 400 E. Scenic Dr. Suite 2.278, The Dalles, OR 97058. There will also be a limited number of farm specific first aid kits for sale for \$60. Contact Jacob Powell at jacob.powell@oregonstate.edu or call 541-298-3581 for questions or also to register.

Cindy Brown came to County Court and presented her quarterly report. Cindy highlighted the following:

- Sherman County 4H program – has between 60-70 kids and 20 leaders participating
 - Teaching outdoor cooking (resiliency)
- Gardening Club
 - 2 Master Gardeners in Sherman County
- Seniors Programming
 - Seniors Eating Well
 - Programming being offered in Moro and in Rufus
- Day Camps

- STEM
- Food/Nutrition
- Conferences
 - Have started attending in person conferences again

Christian Ayles, Extension Office Coordinator, came on board at the end of March 2022 and has been growing leaps and bounds. He has been helping with after school programming, attending 4H Leader training, and OSU training to work with kids. He is a great addition to our program.

1.4 ~~10:30 a.m.~~ 10:40 a.m. Emergency Services Quarterly Report

Present: Dana Pursley-Haner

Dana Pursley-Haner, EMS Director, gave her an overview of her quarterly report. Dana stated that in 2022 there were 284 ambulance calls.

Dana mentioned that MCMC has been on divert a lot lately due to being at capacity and they have been transporting patients to Hood River and Bend.

Dana stated that Frontier Regional Alert and Ever bridge offer free alerts for notifications for events throughout Sherman County. To sign up for free alerts go to: www.co.sherman.or.us/departments/emergency-services/. County Court asked Dana to write up a short article about signing up for alerts to put in the Citizen Reporter Newsletter.

Dana also reported that free smoke alarms are being installed by Moro Fire in collaboration with Sherman County Emergency Services and the American Red Cross. To request an appointment call 541-565-3100. County Court asked Dana to write up a short article about signing up to get a free smoke alarm installed in your house to put in the Citizen Reporter Newsletter.

Dana discussed with County Court some of the issues or miss communication that is happening between Sherman County and Regional Frontier 911. Judge Dabulskis asked Dana to send specific information to him via email. Dana also stated that the last two 911 user meetings were canceled and this is where she would normally voice her concerns.

Dana talked with County Court about some of the increasing costs within her department including upgrading software. Dana suggested raising the ambulance membership from \$30.00 a year to \$35.00 a year to help offset some of the increasing costs. Dana asked County Court to think about this issue and send her feedback.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Biggs Service District Grant

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve a grant to Biggs Service District in the amount of \$300,000, out of SIP funds, for the additional costs to complete the Biggs Water project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Appointment: Budget Officer for 2023-2024 fiscal year

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Debbie Hayden as Budget Officer for Sherman County for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 HHWR Grant – Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program

Judge Dabulskis wanted County Court to know that he filled out a form for the Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling grant. The costs for the current program has doubled and this grant would help with the rising costs.

3.2 Retirement

County Court discussed making a policy on retirement gifts from the County based on years of service. Judge Dabulskis is going to discuss this idea with Debbie and get her feedback and then prepare a policy. Currently money for retirement gifts comes from County General Miscellaneous Expense. Does this account have enough money to have all retirement gifts come out of it? Is it legal? Would there be any other issues?

County Court would like all employees who retire to get a gift of appreciation from the County.

The break down in years that were discussed today was:

6-10 years = \$300 11-20 years = \$400 21-30 years = \$500 31+ years = \$750

Policy will be brought back to County Court for review and final approval.

3.3 Written Prevention Quarterly Report

Great report. Commissioner Bird stated that the Hood River Prevention Coordinator has had great things to say about Deanna.

3.4 Library

Commissioner Bird stated that she emailed Jeff Wallace, County Legal Counsel, and has not heard an update yet. The last update was that Melinda had been sick and they had not been able to get together to go over the IGA and old documents yet.

3.5 Commissioner Reports and updates

Judge Joe Dabulskis – Attended a Sherman County Preschool meeting; a Sherman County Elected Official Swearing-In Ceremony and had a conversation with Dan Mahr.

Commissioner Justin Miller – Attended Flagger training and a Sherman County Elected Official Swearing-In Ceremony.

Commissioner Joan Bird – Attend a Sherman County Elected Official Swearing-In Ceremony and a SWCD meeting.

Commissioner Bird spoke with Liz Mills for a Kent Water update. The land needs a new survey. You can't trust the fences as the real property lines.

Commissioner Bird sent an email to the Washington State Transportation Director regarding the potential new bus stop in Biggs. The Sheriff and the EMS Director are against this idea because it will cause a bigger strain on already thin resources in Biggs for Sheriff's Office and EMS services.

Fair property – Is it County? Is it fair? SWCD and Center For Living would both like to discuss putting modular buildings on the fair property. Commissioner Bird suggested that more research be done on this topic.

Commissioner Bird asked about the Sheriff's request for a letter to Ford. Judge Dabulskis said that he asked Jeff Wallace to work with Sheriff Lohrey on the letter. Judge Dabulskis believes that a letter was sent but has heard nothing else.

Commissioner Bird asked about an update on the easement request for DeMoss. Judge Dabulskis stated that he spoke to the gentleman this morning (January 4th, 2023). The original letter is misleading and confusing. Judge Dabulskis requested that someone come out and walk the area with him so that he understands what they want and they put in writing the right information.

3.6 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel
Entered Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.
Exited Executive Session at 12:19 p.m.

During Executive Session personnel issues were discussed.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of December 7, 2022

Motion by Judge Dabulskis second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2022 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Claims – December 2022

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Claims of December 2022 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Treasurer's Report – November 2022

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Treasurer's Report of November 2022 as presented.

5.0 Future Items

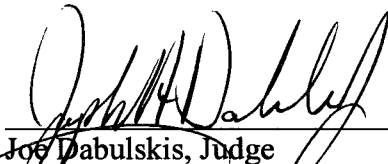
Leaky windows

Library

Food Pantry Tour (possibly in May)

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Sherman County Court



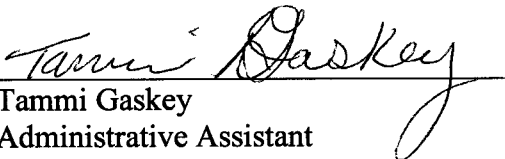
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant