



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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 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. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda

1.0 Appointment Schedule

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1.1 9:00 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District

Present: Rod Asher, Brittany Dark, Assessor's Office

Rod Asher, Weed District Supervisor, came to County Court to request authority to purchase two 2023 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium machines with his budget. One of the new machines would be for general weed control within the Weed Department and the other one would be for the Lower Deschutes River CWMA project. Both machines would be on the 'front line'. Existing 2013 Polaris Ranger and the 2013 Kubota UTV will be kept (for now) as back-up or supplemental equipment. These current machines will be evaluated for surplus in the fall of 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller to purchase two 2023 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium machines from Fun County (one for general weed control and one for the Lower Deschutes River CWMA project) in the amount of \$40,626.00 with funds from the Weed District with the intention to surplus the older machines during the fall of 2023.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

County Court approved ordering the machines from Fun Country even though their quote was a little higher than the other two because of how quickly they could get the machines, how close they are for maintenance and the cost of travel time for maintenance. This was discussed with Debbie Hayden and

she said that this would be acceptable as long as this reasoning was included in the paperwork that Rod submits for purchasing and why he is going with a higher bidder.

Rod brought up that he had a questionable purchase from his personal credit card that he had submitted reimbursement for. He wanted the court to know that he had purchased flatware, salt and pepper, frying pan, paper plates, etc. for the shop. The guys make breakfast once a week on a hot plate and so he brought the equipment to do that. He thought that this was an ok thing to do. It is a morale booster and a thank you to the guys for a job well done.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 The Sherman County Historical Society and Museum HVAC

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve \$5000 out of SIP funds to help replace one of the HVAC units at the CCC Exhibit Building.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Rufus to Biggs Fiber

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve \$113,754.66, money that has already been budgeted for the fiber expansion project, to complete the Biggs to Rufus fiber project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Audit Corrective Action Plan

County Court read an excerpt from the auditors "We would like to take this opportunity to commend the County's staff on the quality of the County's accounts and records, which are well organized. County Court thanked Debbie Hayden for her hard work on the audit.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Audit Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year that ended June 30, 2022 and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Budget Transfer

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the budget transfers to be made December 29, 2022 as proposed by Finance Director Debbie Hayden and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Recessed at 10:02 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Sherman County Distinguished Action Award

Undersheriff James Burgett brought forward an idea to recognize citizens for heroic acts with an award called the Sherman County Distinguished Action Award. This award would be for Sherman County Citizens going above and beyond the call of duty to perform an act that could be lifesaving.

The consensus of County Court is to move forward with developing this award. Make a plan, get an application process, etc. County Court does want to make this award on an as needed basis and not a yearly award.

3.2 HHWR Grant

Table discussion till the January 4th meeting.

3.3 Library

Jeff Wallace, County Counsel, reported that he and Melinda (School Counsel) are working on the IGA and should have something to report soon. Jeff is going through older agreements between the County and the School District and Melinda is going through the IGA.

3.4 Retirement

Table discussion till the January 4th meeting.

3.5 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Judge Dabulskis – Attended a Safety meeting; a CREA meeting; the Emergency Services Dinner; a Wildfire Q & A meeting; a NORCOR meeting; a Biggs Service District meeting; a Tour with Nate Stice; a MCEDD Board meeting; and a Frontier Regional 911 meeting.

Judge Dabulskis asked County Court to discuss the money that Biggs Service District needs to complete the water project. Judge Dabulskis wanted to know if it was a loan or grant. Consensus was that it would be a loan since Biggs has no way to pay back a loan. Commissioner Bird would like to look to see if there are other funds available.

Commissioner Miller – Attended a Fair Board meeting and a Biggs Service District meeting.

Commissioner Bird – Attended a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; a SWCD meeting; a Center For Living meeting; a NCPHD meeting; a Biggs Service District meeting; the Courthouse Christmas Celebration and a NORCOR meeting.

Commissioner Bird spoke with Liz Mills for a Kent Water update – no news at this time.

Commissioner Bird thanked Kristi Weiss and Audrey Rooney for the Christmas Desserts.

Commissioner Bird thank Tammi Gaskey and all the elves for the Senior Bags and the Christmas Gift program.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – November 2022

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the November 2022 Revenue/Expenditure Summary.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5.0 Future Agenda Items

Library

Retirement

HHWR Grant

Al Barton – Quarterly Report to focus on Care in Sherman County

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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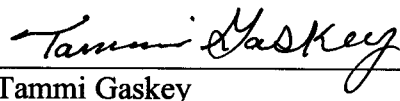


Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner

Attest:



Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant



Joan Bird, Commissioner