



**Court Agenda
March 1, 2023**

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3.7 Legislative Bill

1.0 Appointment Schedule

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Al Barton – Center For Living Quarterly Report
- 1.2** ~~9:50 a.m.~~ 10:00 a.m. Head down to Moro Council Chambers for Oregon Department of Transportation meeting to discuss the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program
- 1.3** 11:15 a.m. Georgia Macnab – CEDS List
- 1.4** 11:45 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District
Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel
Request to purchase a small trailer for CWMA project
- 1.5** 12:00 p.m. Mike Hatchet/Tayla Snapp– TC Energy

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- 2.3 Biggs Service District Loan
- 2.4 Sherman County Ambulance Service Committee Appointments
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**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION**

MINUTES

MARCH 1, 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.

Additions to the Agenda:

3.7 Legislative bill

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Al Barton – Center For Living Quarterly Report

Present: Al Barton, Verna McClennan

Al Barton, Executive Director of Mid-Columbia Center for Living, came to County Court to give his quarterly report. Al Barton showed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted services that were offered in 2022 to residents of Sherman County.

- 61 individuals served (about 10% of enrolled Medicaid clients in SC)
- 685 encounters, average of 57 services per month
- 380 of services were telehealth or seen in another service area
- 23 clients were aged under 18 years old
- 27 clients aged 18-64
- 11 clients were older than 65 years old

Al also talked about next steps for Mid-Columbia Center for Living in Sherman County which includes:

- Expand Sarah Spurgat (QMHP) services in SC
- 13 clients are seen in SC; 52 contacts in 2023
- Part time Youth MH professional
- Behavioral Health Regional Network – hiring (recruiting for 4 FTE)
- New building site

Judge Dabulskis asked Al to send information on Telehealth services from 2019 to present.

2019 – Telehealth	6%	2020 Telehealth	24%
Face-Face	87%	Face-Face	45%
Telephone	7%	Telephone	31%

2021 Telehealth	27%	2022 Telehealth	29%
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Face-Face 38%
Telephone 35%

Face-Face 48%
Telephone 23%

Al thanked Commissioner Bird for all her work as Chair on the Mid-Columbia Center for Living Board.

1.2 9:50 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Oregon Department of Transportation meeting to discuss the national Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program

County Court attended this discussion online.

Oregon Department of Transportation held a virtual meeting to discuss the national Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. The \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program will provide dedicated funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Initially, funding under this program is directed to designate Alternative Fuel Corridors for electric vehicles to build out this national network, particularly along the Interstate Highway System. When the national network is fully built out, funding may be used on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations.

Hwy 97 will be one the highways to get EV charging stations. The goal is to have EV charging stations about every 50 miles along Hwy 97 with parks, stores, etc. close by to keep patrons busy while charging their vehicles.

Currently, ODOT is thinking about having an EV charging station in Biggs and then in Shaniko along Hwy 97.

1.3 11:15 a.m. Georgia Macnab – CEDS List

Present: Georgia Macnab, Verna McClennan

County Court went through all of the CEDS projects submitted by the cities and came up with a priority list for the County.

1. Work Force Housing
2. Broadband Project
3. GV Wastewater
4. Rufus Well
5. Rufus Back Up Power lines
6. Moro – Pipe Bursting/sewer Upgrade
7. Wasco Sewer & Sewer lines
8. Health District
9. GV City and Fire Hall
10. All Cities: repair roads/sidewalks

**1.4 11:45 p.m. Rod Asher – Weed District
Executive Session ORS 192.660 (s) (i) Personnel
Request to purchase a small trailer for CWMA project**

Present: Rod Asher

Entered Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 12:06 a.m.

During Executive Session Personnel was discussed.

Rod stated that some of the money to purchase the trailer will come from grant funds.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Rod Asher to purchase a small trailer for the CWMA program not to exceed \$ 3219.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to surplus one ranger now and sell it to The City of Wasco.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Rod stated that he plans to surplus the other ranger in the fall.

1.5 12:00 p.m. Mike Hatchet/Tayla Snapp – TC Energy

Present: Drew Messenger, Tayla Snapp, Mike Hatchet

Mike Hatchet came to County Court to introduce Tayla Snapp who is our district representative at TC Energy. Mike stated that Natural Gas is part of the solution; not the problem. Climate change is a global issue that requires both global and local solutions. We know that as a North American corporate citizen, TC Energy has an important part to play in transitioning to a clean energy future. As we continue to reduce GHG emissions within our operations, we're also focused on providing low-carbon energy options to our customers.

Judge Dabulskis stated that there had been an article in the Times-Journal about TC Energy in Sherman County, and that Sherman County Court had not been interviewed for nor did they support information in the article. Sherman County and TC Energy have been good neighbors and hope to be for many years. Judge Dabulskis stated that if TC Energy ever needed a letter of support; Sherman County would be glad to write one.

Tayla mentioned that TC Energy has a program called Build Strong that supports FFA, 4H and college scholarships.

2.0 Action Items

~~2.1 American Red Cross Proclamation~~

~~Motion by _____, second by _____, to declare March American Red Cross Month.~~

~~Vote: 3-0~~

~~Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird~~

~~No: 0~~

~~Abstain: 0~~

2.2 Grass Valley Letter of Support for Congressional Direct Spending

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign a letter of support for Grass Valley to receive Congressional Direct Spending.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Biggs Service District Loan

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize a Loan Agreement in the amount of \$100,000 from Sherman County to Biggs Service District to purchase a Channel Mitt for the wastewater plant to be paid back by March 1, 2026 with funds coming from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Resolution No. 02-03-2023 A Resolution for a Loan Agreement with Biggs Service District where Sherman County shall loan Biggs Service District \$100,000 for the new Channel Mitt pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and Promissory Note dated March 1, 2023. Sherman County shall pay funds from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to the Biggs Service District Account 2295.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Sherman County Ambulance Service Committee Appointments

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Carl Langston as the new Training Assistant Officer for the Sherman County Ambulance Service Committee for a term of 2 years ending December 2024.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Judge Dabulskis, to appoint Joe Belshe as the Training Officer for the Sherman County Ambulance Service Committee for a term of 2 years ending December 2024.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Jennifer Smith as the Vice Chair for the Sherman County Ambulance Service Committee for a term of 2 years ending December 2024.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Weed Control District Committee Appointments

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Trevor Fields and Ethan Moore as Weed Control District Committee members for a term of 3 years ending December 2025.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Sherman County Fair Board Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Rick Jauken and Betsy von Borstel as Sherman County Fair Board members for a term of 3 years ending December 2025.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 Sherman County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Alyssa Winslow, Rian Beach, Dana Pursley-Haner, Wes Owens, Wade McLeod, Katie Woodruff, Marcee Kukal-Manning, Fritz Bachman, Deanna Christiansen, Brad Lohrey, Scott Rector, Dan Lindhorst, Al Barton, Richard Balsley, Eric Barrera, Julie McAllister-Wynne, John Wolf, Steven Seeley, Shellie Campbell and Amber DeGrange to LPSCC for a term of 1 year ending December 2023.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.8 Community Mediation Grant Award Process

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Sherman County to opt out of the Community Mediation Grant Award selection process and allow

the U of O to manage the selection process on our behalf and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Volunteer Openings on Committees

County Court went through the Elected Officials and Court Appointments document and made updates including:

- Elected Officials Term expiration dates
- Ambulance Service Area Plan Advisory Committee – Updated Haiyli’s last name and one position for Rufus still vacant
- Sherman County Fair Board – Updated Secretary name – one position still vacant
- Sherman County Local Community Health Partnership (LCHP) – updated name. Justin will get me an updated member list
- Sherman County Public/School Library Board – Updated Contact information and added Janet Pinkerton as committee member
- Special Transportation Committee – Updated Contact information
- Weed Control District – one position still vacant, updated Trevor Fields’ term to December 2025
- Mid-Columbia Housing Authority – has two committee openings
- Need to add CAPECO and MCCAC to list of committees

3.2 Volunteer Appreciation Week

Commissioner Bird stated that she will write an article to be put in the Citizen Reporter. Judge Dabulskis stated that he will bring 200 cupcakes to the courthouse on April 19th for volunteers to stop by during the day and pick one up.

County Court felt that an article in the Citizen Reporter and on Facebook was the best way to reach our county volunteers to let them know that we appreciate all that they do for Sherman County.

3.3 OSU/Sherman County IGA review

Judge Dabulskis is going to send the OSU/Sherman County IGA for Meredith to review.

3.4 Housing

Housing was discussed during 1.3 CEDS List. Judge Dabulskis stated that he had talked to Joel Madsen, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and asked questions regarding the possibility of building additional senior housing in Sherman County. Judge Dabulskis is wondering if there is a possibility to build senior housing in Wasco. Joel told Judge Dabulskis that he thought the need was there and that they could start looking for funding. Currently there are 13 people on the waitlist for Sagewind Manor senior apartments in Moro.

3.5 USDA Letter

This is a follow up to the February 1, 2023 minutes 2.4 USDA Service Letter stating that Commissioner Bird wrote a letter regarding a USDA Service Center in Sherman County for County Court to sign and send to Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden, and Representative Cliff Bentz. On February 2, 2023 the decision was made to move forward with the USDA Service Center in Sherman County, so Judge Dabulskis called the offices of Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Cliff Bentz and requested no action be taken on the letter at this time.

3.6 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Commissioner Bird – Attended a Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting (MCCAC); a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; a CAPECO meeting; and a MCCAC finance committee meeting.

Commissioner Bird talked about a Pacific Power discount program flyer that she received and had asked Tammi Gaskey to put on the Sherman County Facebook page.

Commissioner Bird talked about a few corrections that need to be made to the Library IGA through County legal counsel and the School District counsel, it was agreed to make noted and approved changes on the signed IGA and be initialed by a court member, then sent back to attorney to get District initials and filed. Consensus was yes, Commissioner Bird can initial the Library IGA changes on behalf of County Court.

Commissioner Miller – Attended a meeting with Bryce Coelsch regarding the doors for the new fair building. The wrong doors came in and wiring will need to be changed if they doors are kept. Sending back the doors could throw off the timeline for completion.

Judge Dabulskis – Attended a MCEDD Loan Administration Board meeting; and a NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs meeting.

Judge Dabulskis met with Dick Krebs and Ryan LeBlanc and toured an area Arlington for Frontier Telenet.

Judge Dabulskis and Georgia Macnab met with potential buyers for the race track in Grass Valley.

Judge Dabulskis stated that the DeMoss Park Bandstand has been removed but the foundation is still there. The foundation will be removed soon.

CPACE – Judge Dabulskis stated that we need to pass a resolution if we want this program.

Judge Dabulskis stated that Steven did a great job painting the senior center.

Judge Dabulskis attended a meeting where 4 citizens were discussing the need for a pool in Sherman County.

3.7 Legislative bill

Judge Dabulskis discussed legislative bill regarding broadband that is being discussed. Nick from Oregon Broadband which is within Business Oregon would like feedback by Friday, March 3, 2023. Judge Dabulskis spoke to Drew Messenger, Sherman County Assessor, who says that about

500 households live outside the city limits. Judge Dabulskis stated that he would go with 400 and then say that 20% of the 400 need upgrades to broadband. This group is really looking for addresses but Judge Dabulskis feels more comfortable giving numbers and no addresses.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of January 18, 2023

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2023, as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of February 1, 2023

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2023, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Claims – February 2023

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Claims for the month of February 2023, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

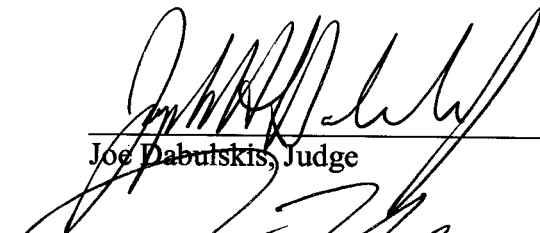
No: 0

Abstain: 0

Court Closed: 12:50 p.m.

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Sherman County Court




Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Administrative Assistant