



SHERMAN

COUNTY

Court Agenda
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Rufus City Hall 304 W. 2nd Street Suite 200
September 6, 2023

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If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Personnel



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
RUFUS CITY HALL**

MINUTES

September 6, 2023

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda

2.9 Latitude 45

2.10 Conduit

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Eric Akin – Veteran’s Service Officer Meet and Greet
Present: Eric Akin, Brittany Dark

Eric Akin came to County Court to meet the Commissioners and give County Court an update as to what he has been doing in recent months. Eric stated that he had been training the new VSO in Hood River and he is officially done with that training.

Eric stated that he and two other VSO’s from the Gorge area will be at the Veterans Stand Down event on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. This is an exclusive event for Veterans and their families. Veteran Services will include: housing resources, employment resources, mental health and substance use resources, healthcare resources and much more.

Eric stated that in the Tri-County area he has been focusing on:

- Setting up all three offices to be more of a paperless model – reducing the number of filing cabinets needed
- No longer using separate phone numbers for each office and is only using one cell phone for all phone correspondence.
- Launched Veterans Facebook page.

- New business cards
- Is part of the Memorial Day Planning Committee

Eric mentioned that he had a carryover of \$12,000 from last year and he is using some of that money for the following:

- To have car detailed – had never been done before
- To get new tires put on car – still has original tires
- To get trailer fixed
 - Has hole in ceiling
 - Ball bearing is going out

Eric will send Commissioner Bird contact information for nonprofit Veterans group that helps build veteran housing.

Commissioner Bird will reach out to Joel Madsen and Kenny LaPoint.

Judge Dabulskis will reach out to Commissioner Beverage.

2.0 **Action Items**

2.1 Senior Center Credit Card

County Court decided to table this decision until they had more information. They would like to see what credit card is currently being used to buy groceries. Does the credit card have a name on it? The Commissioners would like to see the request letter from Kari Silcox.

2.2 Meredith Smith, Legal Counsel

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve granting written consent to County Counsel, Meredith Smith with Timmons Law PC to represent CREA at the same time as representing Sherman County and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 MOU between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Bio Management Northwest

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Bio Management Northwest, for crime scene cleanup services for victims, from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 MOU between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Mid-Columbia Center for Living

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and Mid-Columbia Center for Living for behavioral health services for victims referred by Sherman County District Attorney's Office, from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 MOU between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and law firm Peachey Davies and Myers.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Sherman County District Attorney's Office and the law firm Peachey Davies and Myers, for telephone legal consults for victims, from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 IGA between Sherman County and the Oregon Youth Authority

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Services Intergovernmental Agreement between Sherman County and the Oregon Youth Authority not to exceed \$4,548.00 effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 Destroy Unissued County Checks

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Finance Director to destroy the void, unissued county checks listed as Exhibit A and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.8 Voiding Returned Resident Incentive Checks

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to authorize the Finance Office to void returned Resident Incentive Fund checks listed in attached Exhibit A and return the funds to the Resident Incentive Fund for future distribution and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Latitude45 Associates LLC

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize an independent consulting agreement between Sherman County and Latitude45 Associates LLC. for \$12,500 for project management oversight of Sherman County Community Renewable Energy Project Planning activities. (This money is from the Resiliency grant that has been approved).

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.10 Conduit

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to purchase 1 spool of 1.5 inch conduit for \$3,900 (.60 per foot at 6500 feet) to sell to residents who want to put in conduit to their homes.(Money to come from broadband expansion)

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 RV Park

Need to add the immunity clause that is on the receipt to the new forms. Send updated rules to Meredith for final review and the goal is to be ready to sign at an upcoming County Court session.

3.2 Cottonwood Canyon Tower Update

Judge Dabulskis stated that they are waiting on Wasco Electric to connect power. Cottonwood Canyon Tower will get their signal from the Gordon Ridge Tower.

3.3 Sherman County Fair

County Court heard nothing but good about fair and the new building. County Court would like to congratulate everyone involved with making the new building come to fruition. What a great addition to Sherman County. So many people are coming up with ideas on how this building can be used for future events.

3.4 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property

Entered Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:24 a.m.

During Executive Session property at 2003 1st Street in Moro was discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize a Phase 1 ESA study to be completed on property at 2003 1st Street in Moro, OR not to exceed \$2,400 to be paid out of Sherman County Housing funds.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.5 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Judge Dabulskis – Attended a 4 cities meeting along with Representative Smith; rode around with Joe Farnell looking at internet possibilities; gave Representative Smith a Tour of Sherman County; met with Alan Hickenbottom regarding resiliency project.

Judge Dabulskis stated that while he was at the 4 cities meeting they discussed the recycle bins. Judge Dabulskis let everyone know that the County owned the recycle bins and had insurance on the bins themselves, but that the recycle bins were on city property so everything else including the steps to the bins were city property and the cities were responsible for maintenance of everything besides the bins on the site.

Commissioner Miller – Visited with Representative Smith. Fair board is looking for a new secretary.

Commissioner Miller has talked with a couple of residents who have voiced concerns regarding increased risks at state parks. The residents stated that the more state parks are advertised, the more the risks increase and our services are already stretch thin. In 2023, Cottonwood Canyon State Park has had to deal with multiple fires and a drowning. The idea of more people in the state parks is concerning.

Commissioner Bird – Attended a NCPHD outreach meeting with Deanna Christiansen, Caitlin Blagg, and Martha McInnes; Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting; Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting, met with NCPHD Director; and a Mid-Columbia Center for Living meeting.

Commissioner Bird asked for a Frontier Regional 911 update. Judge Dabulskis stated that there is no update as of now. The next Frontier Regional 911 meeting is September 12th, 2023.

Rufus Food Pantry – Brittany Dark introduced the new Rufus Food Pantry Director Fred Fahrni. County Court toured the Rufus Food Pantry that is being remodeled due to a flood that ruined the flooring and asbestos needed to be removed. County Court also toured the room that the Rufus Food Pantry will be using for dry goods only until the old room gets fixed.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of August 16, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Claims of August 2023

Tabled until September 20, 2023. County Court would like to check on 309-10 and others receiving gain share. Also would like to check on Child Care Foundation Inc.

5.0 Public Comment

None

6.0 Future Agenda Items

Cottonwood

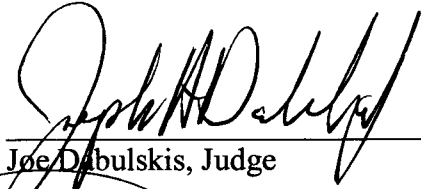
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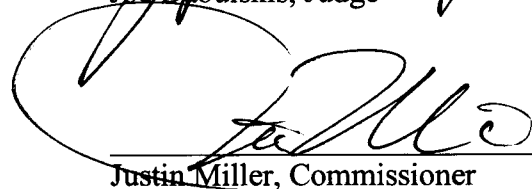
Senior Center Credit Card

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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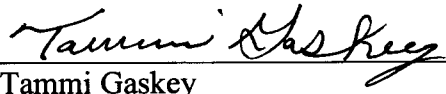
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant