



Court Agenda

October 4, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ~~ORS~~ 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
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

October 4, 2023

Court Opened: 9:00

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Dana Pursley-Haner, EMS Quarterly Report

Present: Dana Pursley-Haner, Audrey Ihrke, Brittany Dark, Verna McClennan, Amber DeGrange, Brad Lohrey

Dana Pursley-Haner, EMS Director, came to County Court to present her EMS quarterly report.

Here are some highlights from the EMS quarterly report.

Oregon Emergency Management

- Submitted quarterly report for Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Submit Monthly Expense Report for Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding
- Fair booth for EMS, Fire and emergency services
- Webinar for new EMPG reports and requirements
- FEMA trainings / preparedness trainings

Emergency Services Director

- Attended Multi-Agency Safety Committee meetings
- Safety Committee – Secretary
- Followed budget on a monthly basis
- Safety Belt Diversion Class with OSP
- Sent reports to System Design
- Attended Virtual of the Local Government of Emergency Management Advisory Council
- Attend EMAC board meetings
- Attend LGMAC Board meetings
- Attend suicide awareness webinar for first responders

Training of ESR for PCR/build ESO program

Update ASA

Sherman County Ambulance

Submitted run reports to billing service

Submitted personnel hours for pay

Serve as Secretary at Ambulance Board meetings

Responded on ambulance

On-Call Schedule

Updated training records

Conducted monthly training

Maintained inventory

Updated activity log

Followed budget on a monthly basis

Training for misc. topics

Sent Ambulance Memberships on a monthly basis

Schedule future training

Forward virtual training information

Other

November 7-8 Mass Care Hazmat incident. Open invitation to County Court to attend Nov. 7.

1.2 9:15 a.m. Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Court Quarterly Report

Present: Amber DeGrange, Brad Lohrey, Audrey Ihrke, Brittany Dark, Verna McClennan

Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Director, came to County Court to present her quarterly report; here are some highlights:

- Completed a Girls Circle training with Prevention and the school counselor; very excited to partner with the school again. This is a structured support group designed to build connection between the females and follows a skills training curriculum. We are hoping to get this set up by second term.
- Continue to process SB 575 expunctions and new SB 519 dictates that even more cases are eligible for automatic expunction in January 2024. Major changes include adding records for adjudicated violations and misdemeanors, a shorter waiting period, no income requirement for an attorney, they can destroy our traffic and game records (not expunge), and they have to notify victims at adjudication that the youth will be expunged. Also new requirements on trafficking screenings and JDEP Juvenile Court training reform.
- Working closely with Prevention on summer activities and Oregon Youth Corp Community Stewardship crew. Amber continues to do the grant portion of the grant while Deanna manages most of the daily schedule with Amber helping as needed. They tested a new model this summer and had a very large crew with several youth placed in local businesses for vocational training; they would come together for trainings and other team activities. This was modeled after Gilliam County's OYC workforce development version and Amber would consider it a success. Pros, kids get new experiences of their choice, the businesses get help, and hopefully they are building on their hard work skills. Cons, it was a significant coordination challenge between employers, youth, transportation, scheduling, etc. and it costs more (there is currently plenty of funding). There were some very cool outcomes from the program and they believe they can work out the kinks for next summer.
- Swim bus continues to be a success, though they are happy to engage in the local efforts to establish a Parks and Rec District and have our own pool someday.

- Now the Chair for the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub and on the Executive Team for the Central Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium, which has additional responsibilities that consume Amber's time.
- Lunch Buddies start today! It is a well-loved mentoring program.
- Participate in Central Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium, Oregon Juvenile Departments Directors Association, the Columbia Gorge Resolution Center Advisory Committee, Mid-Columbia Human Trafficking Task Force, NORCOR Juvenile Directors Oversight Committee, MDT etc.

1.3 9:30 a.m. Sheriff Lohrey – Giles French

Present: Brad Lohrey, Brittany Dark, Amber DeGrange, Verna McClennan

Sheriff Brad Lohrey came to County Court to discuss Giles French. Brad explained that as you pull into Giles French, which is a first impression that many get of Sherman County, they see a run down, safety hazard. Most all other United States Army Corp of Engineer parks look great; are well maintained, and safety hazards are dealt with in a timely manner. Brad told County Court that he has been working with Judge Dabulskis and they are working on setting up tours with Senators Merkley's and Bentz's Offices.

Brad stated that some of the issues with Giles French, Lepage Park and Rufus Rocks which are all United States Army Corp of Engineer parks in Sherman County are as follows:

- Lights in parking lot don't work
- Grass not mowed
- Docks in bad shape
- Mooring doesn't work
- Buoys missing

1.4 10:00 a.m. Deanna Christiansen, Prevention Quarterly Report

Present: Deanna Christiansen, Brittany Dark, Audrey Ihrke, Verna McClennan

County Court started off by telling Deanna Christiansen, Prevention Coordinator, that they had been hearing good things about her in other reports this morning.

Deanna Christiansen gave her Prevention quarterly report. You will find highlights from the report below:

School Engagement Programs

- The Pack – Leadership has a new advisor @ SCS, and so far it looks like they have been energetic! Hopeful to support some projects this school year.
- Lunch Buddies – Lunch Buddies will resume on October 3 – volunteers will attend on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Girls Circle –Andrea Dorzab has reached out to look through curriculum in an effort to work with administration on getting this on the schedule at SCS.
- SCHoLaRs- Janet Pinkerton is hopeful to be able to reach more students, offering this program two days per week, versus the one day per week it has been operating at in the past. She reports she has more interest from community volunteers for readers.
- Back to School Night – Prevention had a resources table at the Back to School Night event, I had wonderful conversations with administration and parents that night.

- Tailgating – Prevention has been participating in these events with PTO and Boosters.

Community Engagement Programs

- Open Gym: Sherman Prevention/Sherman County Wellness Center – Summer walking challenge had several dedicated participants! They logged hundreds of miles throughout the summer!
- Media Club – This group has continued to amaze me! We worked together with Wasco County – YouTHINK to learn some audiovisual skills and made some great public service announcements that have been live on Facebook and Instagram. They also recorded some radio spots with Bicoastal Media and their voices can be heard sharing some valuable awareness information on several local radio stations. One of the spots even made it into The Lars Larson Show this August.
- Family Nights/Events – Movie Nights @ Wasco School Event Center have continued monthly, Sherman Prevention has continued to provide free popcorn for this event.
- Parent Café – Parent Café is planning a return for fall, we have had about 20 parents reach out with interest since our first café.
- Summer Reading at Sherman Library – Prevention had the honor of helping to support, and organize the summer reading program again this summer. It was a wonderful experience, with amazing community support.
- Aging Adults – Suicide Prevention – Sherman Prevention submitted a Rural Older Adult Mini-Grant proposal to the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs in response to their funding efforts aimed at supports and education for aging adult suicide risks in rural communities.
- Preschool Trick-or-Treat – This event will return this year. Sherman Preschool will visit October 31 at 9am and 1 pm.

Prevention Collaboration

- Four Rivers Family HUB/Columbia Gorge ESD – I have been partnering with Shira at Four Rivers to assist them in the development of a Parent Leadership Council. They were given funding to provide parent/family engagement events that they have disbursed to the counties to assist in this effort. These funds have/will be used to support:
 - STEM Exploration Day @ The Library
 - Gift Cards for completion of the Four Rivers Family survey
 - Family Game Night
 - Parent Focus Group – a focus group of parents of children aged 0-5 was held at the Sherman County Extension office March 8. I was asked to be a representative during this process. 10 parents attended, and I was very impressed with how well received this was by parents. This group was organized in response to a legislative request to work towards goals in early education, parent/child support needs, childcare initiatives, and preschool services.
 - Parent Leadership – This group will be a regional representation of our rural counties, and will have at least 2 parents from the Parent Focus Group to represent Sherman County.
 - **UPDATE: At our last Parent Education Leadership Committee meeting it was shared that for our region all counties but 1 had Parent Leadership representation.**
- Living with Chronic Conditions/GOBHI – This class is being offered at Sherman County Senior Center in a partnership with Cindy Brown at OSU Extension, Roni Hyde at GOHBI, Sherman County Prevention, and CAPECO. This class cycle will end October 10.
- OYC -We had a great return on applications, and have the opportunity to have some of those applicants working at local businesses this summer. Koby Berry joined us this season as our OYC Crew Leader. Youth were rotated on crew, and were also represented at ABC Huskies, Little Wheats, Pinkerton Farms, Husky 97 Market, Sherman County Public/School Library, and in many places helping out throughout the county.

- Swim Bus – Swim bus was wonderful! Swim bus is a reminder of how the youth in our community can be great mentors to one another.

Trainings/Certifications

- Problem Gambling Prevention – the current focus through PGP trainings has been the new ethics and diversity series, some of which will be required for implementation plan approval/funding.
- Girls Circle – Completed in April
- CPS – I have joined a CPS cohort through OHA and am working to become certified as a Prevention Specialist, at this time I have a few training remaining, and the remaining of my 2000 required work hours specific to certification.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Housing Application

In accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) documents exempt from public inspection.

Entered Executive Session at 10:40 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:51 a.m.

During Executive Session a Housing Property Preparation Grant application was discussed.

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Housing Property Preparation Grant application submitted by Gena Arthur and William Holland for an amount that is up to 50% of the modified project budget (minus the \$200 for the power disconnect fees), up to \$20,000, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to approve project completion and grant payment, conditional upon meeting all program requirements and fund availability.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Letter of Support – Parole and Probation

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize letter of support for the 2023-2025 Sherman County Community Corrections Biennial Plan presented by Fritz Bachman on September 20, 2023.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Public Meeting/Ethics Training – November 30th

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to authorize LOC to conduct a training on November 30, 2023 on public records, public meetings and ethics that will be open to all Sherman County Committees and Boards and Sherman County will cover the cost of the training at an estimated \$600.00.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Tammi will send contract back to LOC and also send flyer out to school, churches, cities, fire stations, fair board, all county boards, county employees and 501 3 ©.

2.4 BOPTA Pool Order

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the appointment of Emily Bailey, Lynn Harris and Linda Bird from the Non-Office Holding Pool, and Joe Dabulskis and Justin Miller from the Office Holding Pool to the 2023-2025 Board of Property Tax Appeals and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller
No: 0
Abstain: 0

2.5 Biggs Funding

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize a loan to Biggs Service District Water Project up to \$200,000 to complete water project.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller
No: 0
Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Commissioner Joan Bird – Attended a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; a CAPECO meeting; Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting; AOC District 3 meeting; a meeting with NCPHD Director Shellie Campbell, NCPHD Finance Director, Tyler Stone Wasco County Administrative Officer, Wasco County Finance Director, Sherman County Commissioner Joan Bird and Debbie Hayden Sherman County Finance Director.

Commissioner Justin Miller – Attended an AOC District 3 meeting.

Judge Joe Dabulskis – Attended an AOC District 3 meeting; an LJDACT meeting; a County Employee meeting; and a meeting on Measure 110.

Judge Dabulskis went on a property site visit for a potential housing project. Phase 1 was started.

Sherman County Community Resiliency project went out for RFP.

The County white pickup given to Rufus for Brooke to use when she is working on Biggs Sewer.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Claims – September 2023

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the September 2023 Claims as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Bird, Miller

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5.0 Future Agenda Items

Starvation Boat Ramp

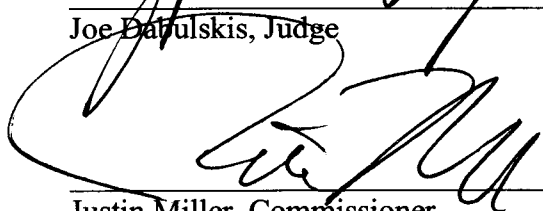
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Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

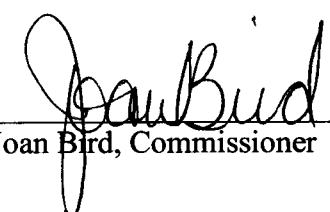
Sherman County Court



Joe Dabulskis, Judge

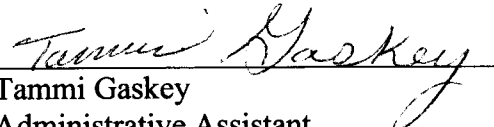


Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest:



Tammi Gaskey
Administrative Assistant