



Court Agenda

February 18, 2015

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Georgia Macnab – Planning Director – Prioritize CEDS Project
- 1.2** 10:00 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice Court – Stair Project: Contract
- 1.3** 10:30 a.m. Jaclyn McCurdy – Biggs Service District – Water System Project; Letter of Engagement: Auditor
- 1.4** 11:00 a.m. Carol Benkosky – Prineville District Manager - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Updates
- 1.5** 2:00 p.m. Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Joint Resolution in the Matter of Participation in Funding Activities of the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution
- 2.2 Appointment – Fair Board
- 2.3 Letter of Support – Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Application for ODOT Region 4 Transit Funds
- 2.4 Appointment – Mid Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) Budget Committee
- 2.5 Prevention Funds – Project Proposal

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Wasco County Letter Re: Gun Control Legislation
- 3.2 Wildlife Services – Proposed Budget for 2015-2016
- 3.3 “Step It Up, Sherman”...Walk Your Way to Wellness!
- 3.4 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of January 21, 2015 - Revised
- 4.2 Minutes of February 4, 2015
- 4.3 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – January 2015
- 4.4 Treasurer’s Report – January 2015

5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights
ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel*



SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM

MINUTES

February 18, 2015

Present: County Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Tom McCoy; Administrative Assistant Melva Thomas; County Clerk Jenine McDermid.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to approve contract with Bustos Construction for the Sherman County Courthouse Main Entry Stair Remodel and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to approve a letter of engagement with Oster Professional Group to review the financial statements of Biggs Service District as of June 30, 2015 and issue an accountant's report and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to authorize use of Biggs Service District Water Reserve fund in the amount of \$33,000 to begin work on up front items to move forward with Water System Improvements project.

Vote: 2-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Motion carried.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to appoint Cliff Jett to the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments Budget Committee representing Sherman County.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to authorize the use of Prevention funds to bus Sherman County youth to The Dalles to participate in the 2nd Annual Healthy Teen Relationships Summit on February 27th sponsored by Haven.

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Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE:

Judge Thompson opened the meeting at 9:00am. A quorum was present. No news media were present.

Additions to the agenda:

2.6 Appointment – Mid-Columbia Community Action Council – Cliff Jett

1.1 9:00 a.m. Georgia Macnab – Planning Director – Prioritize CEDS Project

Public Works and Technical Assistance project lists were reviewed and prioritized by the Court, with the completed lists submitted to MCEDD. **Public Works:** #1 – Biggs Service District Water System; #2 Work Force Housing; #3 Fiber Optic from Rufus to Wasco; #4 Rufus Industrial Park; #5 Grass Valley Pavilion Restoration; #6 Wasco Collection System; #7 Downtown Improvements; #8 Fairgrounds Restrooms; #9 Fairgrounds Grandstands; #10 Rufus Visitor Center. **Technical Assistance:** #1 Giles French; #2 Pump Storage; #3 Wasco Campus; #4 911 Call Center; #5 County Office Annex; #6 Strategic Plan; #7 Kent Well.

The Brush Canyon project will not be moving forward. The Orion project was approved by EFSC, but there could be issues with the FAA and Department of Defense.

1.2 10:00 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice Court – Stair Project: Contract

A contract was reviewed for the stair project. This had been reviewed and approved by County Counsel Will Carey.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

The final SHPO contract should arrive soon. Ron will visit with David Bustos in the next few days and it is likely the project will begin mid-March. The Court reviewed a draft drawing of the stair design based on the old balusters. They may need to meet again if there are issues with creating the design concept. There were no questions at this time.

1.3 10:30 a.m. Jaclyn McCurdy – Biggs Service District – Water System Project; Letter of Engagement: Auditor

Judge Thompson opened the meeting of the Biggs Service District Board. Jaclyn McCurdy and Braid Baird of Anderson Perry were present.

A proposed letter of engagement with Oster Professional Group was included in the meeting packet for review.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

The water system project was discussed. Brad Baird provided a memo regarding an update to the study. This document would be combined with the original study for funding applications. There was discussion on how to proceed forward with the project. Brad advised in many cases the project doesn't begin until funding is received, although there are items that can be completed in advance if the costs can be covered. With regard to land acquisition, this could be a purchase or a long-term lease; there may need to be a partition involved which could cost \$3,500-\$4,500 or a memorandum of understanding for land purchase could be developed, with the land owner being Pat Beers. An easement is needed from the reservoir to the road right-of-way, with all pipes to be put in the county right-of-way if possible; they may need easements from Pat Beers and Todd Coles, but it depends on the route taken. A well permit will cost about \$2,500 and they will need permission to drill, but a site needs to be identified before moving forward. Design topographic surveying will be about 10-15% of the design costs, around \$15,000 to \$22,500. Design engineering costs can be estimated to be about 10% of the construction cost or about \$150,000. The total estimated costs for up-front work to get everything ready to bid and construct is in the \$160,000 range. Brad went on to say there are advantages to getting to this point before requesting funding as they tend to not become as involved in the decision making processes. Jaclyn reported the district has \$33,000 in reserve for the water project.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

The Court authorized Brad Baird to move forward with the project. He will prepare a more formal agreement with Anderson Perry to be reviewed by county counsel. These dollars will be sufficient to move forward with everything except the design engineering phase. He feels the

Biggs residents and business owners are very supportive of this project. He hopes to receive partial project funding through contact with Representative Greg Smith.

Jaclyn reported is going through the process to get their DEQ waste facility permit reauthorized and they can continue to operate under the expired permit. She added there should not be any issues as they've not had any violations, with the biggest issue being that they are going into the river. She will be meeting with Amanda Hoey of MCEDD today regarding the operation of small waste water systems and learning what the district's options may be for less expensive, but qualified operators.

1.4 11:00 a.m. Carol Benkosky – Prineville District Manager – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Updates

Visitor: Lenore Hepler.

Carol Benkosky provided the Court with the Prineville District Issue/Project Briefing Paper for February 2015. Topics included information on Multiple Grazing Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment: She is working on trying to get grazing permit renewal environmental assessments done. They are doing multiple allotments at one time, with some being easy and others more complicated. 2014 Wildfire Summary: It was noted there were many fire last year. Emergency Site Rehabilitation – 2011 Fire Rehabilitation Update: They are still finishing up on fire rehabilitation and are working on spraying noxious weeds to encourage return of native bunchgrass. Unprotected and Under-protected Lands: It was noted there are none of these in Sherman County, but there is an area in south Wasco County. John Day Basin Proposed Resource Management Plan; John Day River Fee: There may be a John Day River management plan completed this spring; there were about 900 permits issued last year along the John Day River and there will probably be limits next year, with permit funds used to clean up garbage along the river. Cottonwood Canyon: The trail system is being analyzed and they hope to build more trails soon. Spring Basin Land Exchange: It is hoped this will be finalized soon. Windwave Fiber Optic: Carol would like maps of Sherman County so that they can clarify right-of-ways through BLM property that may be owned by the county. Judge Thompson will provide her with maps from the assessor's office. Lower Deschutes River – Segment 3 Environmental Assessment: There are issues regarding permitting. They are trying to change the segments so all white water will be in one segment and will not affect Segment 3 where people go fishing. They hope to get the pass system changed for next year. ODOT Road Maintenance; Macks to the Mouth working group: There are concerns with increased usage regarding the proposed trail; Maupin Section Foreman's House: Restoration was completed for the 2014 recreation season, it serves as an information center and is located just upriver from Maupin; Macks Canyon Boat Ramp: The boat ramp was recently completed. Sherman County serves as BLM's sponsor for the OSMB grant. It was noted Field Manager Molly Brown has returned to California.

1.5 2:00 p.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights

There was not an executive session held and legal counsel was not present.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 Joint Resolution in the Matter of Participation in Funding Activities of the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution

Melva explained the RFA process.

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Abstain: 0

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

It was noted Jared Collins' term expired December 31, 2014.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

2.6 Appointment – Community Advisory Council – Cliff Jett

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to appoint Cliff Jett to the Sherman County Community Action Council.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Wasco County Letter Re: Gun Control Legislation

A letter was received from the Wasco County Board of Commissioners concerning their support of opposing any additional restrictive laws that encroach on a fundamental constitutional right.

3.2 Wildlife Services – Proposed Budget for 2015-2016

It was the consensus of the Court to support this and present it to the budget committee.

3.3 “Step It Up, Sherman”...Walk Your Way to Wellness!

The Court reviewed program information received from Cindy Brown of OSU Sherman County Extension.

3.4 Commissioner Reports:

Judge Thompson reported on his activities at AOC and his visits with legislators; attended a CREA meeting; reported on Pump Storage meeting and CGBREZ meeting all dealing with pump storage topic; trying to get 8% of required renewable energy in the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) as community based renewable, although the Department of Energy does not seem to be very interested and the current climate is not favorable for small projects; he reported the group working on pump storage is using a lobbying group to work with folks in California.

Commissioner McCoy attended the CAC meeting; he attended a Senior Advisory Committee meeting and need a citizen rep on this board from Sherman County; reported on the SWCD meeting; met with Peter Tarzian regarding the school project; the commissioner is interested in housing and economic development in the county.

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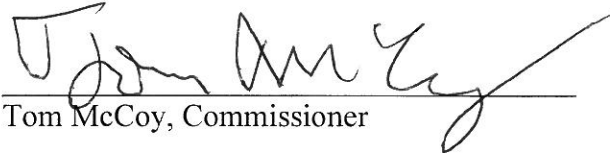
**WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS
ADJOURNED AT 1:10PM.**



Gary Thompson, County Judge

ATTEST: 

Jenine McDermid, County Clerk



Tom McCoy, Commissioner