

**HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING
JULY 2, 2008**

→The Harney County Court convened July 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Grasty's office. Members present were, Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Jack Drinkwater. Also present were, Kerry Landers, Road Supervisor and Maria Iturriaga, County Clerk.

→Public attending were, Randy Parks from the Burns Times Herald

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

→Financial and Statistical reports were reviewed and vouchers' paid by court's signature.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the June 18 court minutes as amended, correcting a typographical error. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court convened into Executive session at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Oregon Statute. They reconvened into regular session at 10:27 a.m. No action taken.

Review of Calendar

→Judge Grasty noted that a Juniper harvesting and bundling demonstration by John Deere is scheduled for the week of July 8th -11th. They will be demonstrating at the Urizar property NW of Burns.

→Oregon Solutions will meet July 10th.

→Rural Planning Meeting for "A New Way of Doing Business In Rural Oregon" will be held August 21 and 22 at Cascade Locks.

→The court reviewed Findings and Decision in The Matter Of The Appeal Of The Land Use Action On Randolph Hogrefe For A Non-Farm Dwelling In The EFRU-2 Zone. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to sign the findings & decisions. Judge Grasty seconded. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nichols stated that he did not agree with the findings as written. Judge Grasty stated that he's not voting against the agriculture community, he stated that small parcels were created when development was encouraged on the area. Motion passed on a two to one vote with Judge Grasty and Commissioner Drinkwater voting yes and Commissioner Nichols voting No.

→The court reviewed the revised final settlements for contract 13-001 between Harney Behavioral Health and Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) for the periods from July 1, 1995 to June, 2003 as calculated and a letter from DHS acknowledging

receipt of full payment in the amount of \$13,328.94. Judge Grasty informed the court that they had received a grant for this payment.

→The court reviewed public notice of water use requests from Oregon Water Resources Department. No objections were expressed by the court.

→Judge Grasty noted that there is an asphalt bid opening at 2:00 p.m. and asked the Commissioners if they would approve him opening the bids, if any, discuss them with the road supervisor and then take action at the next county court meeting. The Commissioners agreed that Judge Grasty take those steps.

→Randy Parks from the Burns Times Herald asked if they had hired a new Weed Coordinator, he was informed that Christopher Gregg had been hired as of July 1.

→The court once again convened into executive session at 11:35 a.m. in accordance with ORS 285C.260 and allowed under ORS 192.660 (2)f. to discuss an illustration of assessment and taxation under the strategic investment program in regards with the wind power facility. The court reconvened into regular session at 12:25 p.m. No action taken.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk