

**Harney County Court Meeting  
November 21, 2011**

→The Harney County Court convened November 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Pete Runnels. Also attending were, Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor; Derrin (Dag) Robinson, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Nellie Franklin, County Treasurer; Sheriff Dave Glerup, and Sheriff's Deputy Brian Needham.

→Public attending were Herb Vloedman, Barbara Cannady and Pauline Braymen.

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

→Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 county court meeting as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Financial and statistical reports were reviewed and vouchers approved by court's signature.

→Judge Grasty provided an update on the Sage Grouse issue.

→David Bohnert, from Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, Dustin Johnson, OSU Extension Agent, and Shana Withee OSU Extension Agent, were present to discuss with the court a cooperative project with Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, EOARC, and OSU Extension, that would require the relocation of the Harney County Agriculture Agent to the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center. A general discussion ensued. The Court was in support of this plan, albeit a change, there are many benefits to this proposal. The County Agricultural Agent, Dustin Johnson, would be conducting research at the refuge, 1/3 of his time that would be beneficial to agriculture in Harney County. The County Extension office would remain at the courthouse.

→Barbara Cannady presented a letter to the court relating to her recent petition to vacate a county road. (A copy is on file with these minutes.)

→Bob Elvers, of Science & Management Consulting, provided a presentation on the fall grazing of cheatgrass. Mr. Elvers is a consultant to the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Nevada, Reno, and is conducting a major research project in the great basin related to fall grazing of cheatgrass. The Court will write a letter in support of this continued research.

→Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor is continuing to review the bids on the East Steens Road project. The court received an official protest regarding this project, and Mr. Drushella will discuss the issue with County Counsel, and project engineers, before moving awarding the bid.

→Mike Howes, representing the Harney County Contractor Committee was present to a proposal for the building development program, permitting program, plan review and inspections. The court will discuss the proposal, and have another meeting with the group, and come up with what is best for the community.

→At 11:00 a.m., the court opened bids received for a sports utility vehicle for the Sherriff's Department. Only one bid was received: Burns Ford, Inc., - 2013 police rated explorer, for \$29,265.88. Sheriff Glerup reviewed and made a recommendation to accept the bid. Commissioner Runnels moved to accept the bid from Burns Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$29,265.88. Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously.

→Sheriff Glerup stated that he would like to prepare a fee schedule for Civil services, for the court's approval. He stated that his office will be doing more foreclosure sales, and hopes to implement a fee schedule for civil services provided. Sheriff Glerup and County Counsel will provide a draft schedule for the court's approval.

→The court met with landowners from the meadowlands area, regarding issues with road maintenance and access issues. A lengthy discussion ensued. The group agreed to put together a committee, to continue to work towards a resolution. Judge Grasty volunteered to meet with the committee regularly.

→In the Matter of the Appointment to the Harney County Commission on Children and Families, Commissioner Nichols moved to Appoint Dan Hoke to the Commission. Judge Grasty, second, and the motion carried unanimously.

→In the Matter of the Petition by Barbara Cannady and Caroline Manock for Vacation of the public road, trail, public easement, public property, or other public interest that Harney County may have in an east-west path of an undefined width from the point at which Tax Lot 1700 touches Highway 78 to the point that ends at the eastern boundary of Sections 10 and 15, Commissioner Nichols moved to sign the Order Denying Vacation of the public road, trail, public easement, public property, or other public interest that Harney County may have in an east-west path of an undefined width from the point at which Tax Lot 1700 touches Highway 78 to the point that ends at the eastern boundary of Sections 10 and 15. Commissioner Runnels second, and the motion carried unanimously.

→Commissioner Nichols stated that the court will need to discuss the north-south route from Highway 78 down. Judge asked that the court look at it collectively at the next court meeting, Judge stated with work that the Road Historian is doing, there will be many more nuances, which need to be dealt with in the future.

→In the Matter of Appointing a County Surveyor, Commissioner Runnels moved to appoint Kenneth H. Delano, Jr. Harney County Surveyor. Commissioner Nichols second and the motion carried unanimously.

→The court reviewed the 2011 Aviation summary for Vale and Burns Districts BLM; and BIFZ.

After advertising for interest in vacant fair board positions, the court received letters of interest from the following individuals: Lloydene Hill, Vern Brown Jr., Pamela Sherburn, Valri Purdy, Kevin Pryse, Linc Reed-Nickerson, Dawn Crafts, Karen Moon, Brian Farrally, Julie Burri and Joe Maher. The court will meet with these individuals, the current fair board, manager and directors on December 7, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

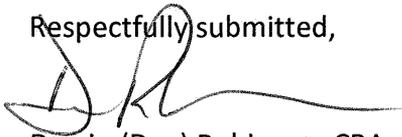
→Judge Grasty and Commissioner Runnels both provide re-caps of the Association of Oregon Counties Conference.

→Judge Grasty reviewed with the court the names of those Companies who submitted proposals for County General Ledger and Financial Software. Proposals were received from ASI (A Systems Integrator), Chaves Consulting, Black Mountain Software, Springbrook Software and Tyler Technologies. Judge Grasty, County Treasurer Nellie Franklin Treasurer and Human Resource Administrator LaDene Hurd will open them together and begin the review process.

→Commissioner Nichols briefed the court regarding his activities, including, Commission on Children and Families Coalition, Harney Basin Agricultural Water Quality Plan, Land Use, Early Childhood Development, and juniper utilization.

→There being no further business, the County Court adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, CRA, CEA,  
Chief Deputy Harney County Clerk