

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MINUTES
June 19, 2013

The Harney County Court convened June 5, 2013 in Judge Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steven E. Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols, and Commissioner Peter Runnels. Also present were Eric Drushella, Road Superintendent; Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk;

Public attending were; Samantha White and Herb Vloedman.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the June 5, 2013 County Court minutes as mailed. Judge Grasty seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports and Accounts Payable were reviewed and approved by signatures of the Court.

Public comment

Herb Vloedman asked about the rent on the Industrial Building that will be available. The court explained, as mentioned before that one will become available July 1, and the proposal process is still being worked on, and Judge Grasty again explained the process of removal of the molds that are currently on the property.

Judge Grasty provided the Court a brief Sage Grouse update.

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-13, In the Matter of Adopting Amendments to the Harney County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Commissioner Nichols moved to sign Resolution 2013-13, Commissioner Runnels second. Brandon McMullen, Planning Director asked about the signatures of the County Fire Chief, and District Forrester. Judge Grasty suggested that he add in an acknowledgment of the changes made due to this resolution. The Motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-99)

The Court reviewed a Court Order in the Matter of the Distribution of Land Sales Money. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign the Court Order in the Matter of the Distribution of Land Sales Money. Commissioner Nichols second, motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-101)

Judge Grasty noted that the County received the Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Federal Government in the amount of \$1,001,367.00, which is about \$24,000 less than last year due to the sequester. Senator Wyden has submitted legislation requesting a 1-year extension of Secure Rural Schools, of which is yet to be determined.

The Court reviewed an Application to Purchase County Owned Land, by Ken Thomas, in particular Assessor's Parcel number 10732, located in T25S R34E, consisting of .16 acres. Commissioner Nichols

moved to accept the application and put property up for public auction. Commissioner Runnels second, the motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Goodson, Drug Free Communities program Coordinator and Ashlee Voges, County Prevention Program Manager; were present to update the court and share data regarding the DFC program.

Chris Siegner, Symmetry Care Director; and Fred Flippence, Symmetry Care Board Member; were present to discuss a contract renewal to provide Mental Health Services for Harney County. Commissioner Nichols moved to sign the contract, commissioner Runnels second, motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-102)

Mr. Siegner stated that Symmetry has agreed to continue the lease with the Sherriff's Office for Community Corrections office space. Mr. Siegner provided the court with a brief performance update as well, including the opening of Cornerstone, a private practice solution to provided services.

The court received bids for motor pool passenger cars as advertised and opened the bids at 11:30 a.m. Bids were as follows: Teague Motor Co., 2- 2012 Dodge charger SE- \$19,425.00 each, and Burns Garage, 2- 2011 Crown Victoria LS \$15,000.00 each. After further review by the Road Supervisor, Eric Drushella; and under his recommendation, Commissioner Nichols moved to award the bid to Burns Garage. Commissioner Runnels second, It was reiterated by Judge Grasty that this bid is for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and the County would not take possession of the vehicles before July 1. The motion carried unanimously.

The Court reviewed the 2013-2015 Intergovernmental Agreement for Environmental Health Services with Oregon Health Authority. Harney County subcontracts with Grant County to provide this service. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement #142113 with OHA, Commissioner Nichols second, the motion carried unanimously.

The court reviewed notices of water use requests. There were no objections to any requests.

The Court recessed at 11:44 a.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Judge Grasty opened the public hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget. Judge Grasty explained that yesterday it was announced that the PERS rate was far less than previously believed, due to action by the legislature. Therefore, the personnel services categories are budgeted far higher than necessary, as it is simply too difficult to adjust those numbers line item by line item this soon before adoption of the budget. Judge Grasty reiterated that none of the numbers have changed from what the budget committee approved to what is presented for adoption.

Earl Tiller, on behalf of High Desert Park and Recreation District, stated that the county doesn't provide enough to the Park and Recreation, for services rendered, and asked the court to support a boundary change to that of District 3. He asked for the courts' support in more funding initially, and then supports an annexation. The court thanked Mr. Tiller for his concerns, and would discuss such issues with the Park & Recreation District Board, and explore solutions.

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-19, In the Matter of Transferring Appropriations Within Building Program Fund # 213. Judge Grasty moved to sign Resolution 2013-19, Commissioner Runnels second, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-103)

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-20, In the Matter of Transferring Appropriations Within Commission on Children and Families Fund # 236. Commissioner Nichols moved to sign Resolution 2013-20, Commissioner Runnels second, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-104)

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-21, In the Matter of Establishing Fund Balance Classifications as required By GASB 54. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign Resolution 2013-21, Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-105)

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-22, In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition within Senior /Community Transportation Fund #221. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign Resolution 2013-22, Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Judge Grasty declared the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget closed at 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Runnels moved to sign Resolution 2013-17 In the Matter of Adopting the 2013-2014 Budget and Making Appropriations, in the amount of \$27,408,439.00. Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-107)

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-18, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes. Judge Grasty moved to sign Resolution 2013-18, Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ2013-108)

Judge Grasty mentioned to the court that he had been approached by Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) regarding a flag lot near Princeton, consisting of a rock pit, and asked the court what action to take regarding the parcel if any. A discussion ensued. Judge Grasty thought about appointing a committee to review the parcel and advise the court as to direction. The court discussed use as a rock source, both for use by the road dept., and for sale to the public. It was the consensus of the Court to pursue transfer to Harney County from ODOT. Judge Grasty will inquire further.

Commissioner Runnels updated the Court regarding The Southeast Oregon RAC.

There being no further Business, the Court adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrin Robinson".

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, CRA CEA
Harney County Clerk