

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING

August 21, 2013

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Members attending were Commissioner Dan Nichols and Commissioner Pete Runnels; Judge Grasty was excused as he was out of town. Road Supervisor Eric Drushella was also present. Public attending were Samantha White and Herb Vloedman. County Fair Manager Don Slone was present for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Nichols led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statistical and Financial reports were reviewed and vouchers approved by Court's signature.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2013 meeting, Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herb Vloedman brought up the mapping being done by FEMA and the impact it may have on residents. Discussion followed. Mr. Vloedman then commented on the fire at the Shooting Range. Discussion followed.

County Fair Manager Don Slone said that he was present to request the Court's assistance on an issue on South Egan Street – the issue being too few speed limit signs near the Fairgrounds. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nichols said that he would follow-up on Mr. Slone's request.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to sign the Bargain and Sale Deed for Ken and Paula Thomas on County property located in Crane, Account #10732, that they purchased at auction. Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried.

The next item of business was the signing of the Fund Exchange Agreement between Harney County and the Oregon Department of Transportation for chip seal projects. Commissioner Runnels made a motion to sign the Agreement, Commissioner Nichols, seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Nichols mentioned that the Western Juniper Utilization Group signing of the Declaration of Cooperation was a successful event. The event was attended by Governor Kitzhaber and several of his staff and a large number of the committee members who traveled to Burns for the signing.

Commissioner Runnels provided an update on the situation between Harney District Hospital and the Coordinated Care Organization. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Runnels provided the latest information on the status of the House Creek fire.

Commissioner Nichols reported on his attendance at the Early Learning Council summit that was held recently. A short discussion followed.

No comments or concerns were noted following a review of Water Use Requests.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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the Harney County Court