

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MINUTES
April 3, 2013

The Harney County Court convened April 3, 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 Supervisor; Guy McKay, Veterans Services Officer; Tim Colahan, District Attorney and Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk.

Public attending were; Samantha White, Herb Vloedman.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the March 20, 2013 county court minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment:

Herb Vloedman asked the court for a current vendor list.

Judge Grasty provided a brief update on the Sage Grouse issue.

Guy McKay, Veterans Services Officer; was present and provided an update of program operations to the court, and reviewed scheduled upcoming events for veterans.

District Attorney Tim Colahan was present to discuss House Bill 3194, and an alternative, House Bill 3195, and urged the court to oppose House Bill 3194. He believes there are alternative plans which would provide greater benefit without risk to community safety. Mr. Colahan believes amendments to House Bill 3195 will be a much better alternative, with equal savings. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Association of Oregon Counties is being urged by the Governor's Office to support the Bill. AOC will meet Monday to determine the direction the Association wishes to go with regards to these Bills. The Court leans towards opposing the bill, and would rather work through different alternatives.

Jen Hoke, Chamber of Commerce Director; was present to update the court on the Chamber, Bird Festival, and Cycle Oregon. Mrs. Hoke provided the County with a framed Harney County water color print by local artist Mary Lou Wilhelm. The court thanked Mrs. Hoke for the service she has provided Harney County while serving as Chamber Director, and wished her well in her new endeavors.

The Court discussed federal sequestration, related the forest service, and the possibility of the request to return federal funding, and how it could affect title II projects. It is yet to be determined.

The Court reviewed an Order Appointing a Probate Commissioner. It appearing to the Court that it is necessary for efficient administration of probate matters, Commissioner Runnels moved to appoint County Clerk Derrin Robinson as Probate Commissioner for Harney County Court, Commissioner Nichols second and the motion carried unanimously. *(CJ-2013-69)*

The Court reviewed notices of water use requests; there were no objections to any requests.

Judge Grasty explained that the first budget meeting is scheduled for April 24, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the Court Adjourned at 12:00 p.m., reserving the possibility of a general deliberation work session following lunch for scheduling and correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrin Robinson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, CRA; CEA
Harney County Clerk