

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MINUTES
October 16, 2013

The Harney County Court convened October 16, 2013 in Judge Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steven E. Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols, Commissioner Peter Runnels, Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk; Nellie Franklin, County Treasurer; Angie Lamborn, Senior Services Director; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director and Eric Drushella, Road Master.

Public attending were; Samantha White, Barbara Cannady, Herb Vloedman.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the October 2, 2013 County Court minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment

Herb Vloedman asked if there was any updated information on the flood insurance billing. Judge Grasty stated since it's a federal program, as of the moment, it is all much unknown.

Commissioner Nichols said he understood that it was billed incorrectly, so that may not have been accurate information. The Court has asked to use the old maps, but it all happened at onset of the federal shutdown, so we still don't know.

Mr. Vloedman also expressed his shock as to the cost per sign for the addition of the veterans' signs at county borders. He doesn't feel comfortable with asking for that much money, and would look for alternative funding. Judge Grasty stated the County has a contractor to put up the rural addressing signs might be an option.

Dag Robinson, County Clerk mentioned that the Bank of Eastern Oregon Business Visa cards will be delivered in the next week, and a Dept. Head meeting will be scheduled to go over the policy and procedures.

Commissioner Nichols mentioned that he has been in contact with Oregon Water Resources, and they are beginning the process to advertise for new Watermaster, and an assistant.

He also was notified by DAS that Harney County's Frontier Hub application is proceeding, and made the first cut. It is one of 15 moving forward.

The court reviewed a proposed ordinance amending the Harney County Zoning Ordinance adding section 4.140, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. Judge Grasty stated that the Court has advertised the proposed ordinance, and held a public hearing. Barbara Cannady presented a letter of opposition to the ordinance. Commissioner Nichols moved to read proposed Ordinance 2013-72 In the Matter of Amending the Harney County Zoning Ordinance Adding Section 4.140 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, by Title only. Commissioner Runnels second. Discussion ensued. Judge Grasty stated Ms. Cannady's letter raises the same issues that were discussed at the public hearing, and believes those issues are between the Lessee and the landowner, and doesn't feel it is business the county court needs to be involved with at all. Those are business agreements between the tower owner and the land owner. The Motion carried unanimously. The Proposed Ordinance will be on the agenda at the November 6 county court meeting for final adoption.

The Court reviewed Resolution 2013-26 In the Matter of a 10 year Review of the Need for Reserve Funds in Harney County. The court has spent the last few weeks reviewing the reserve funds mentioned in the Resolution, and specified the need for each fund. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign Resolution 2013-26 in the matter of the 10 year review of the Need for Reserve Funds in Harney County. Commissioner Nichols second, the motion carried unanimously.

Angie Lamborn, Senior Services Director was present to discuss the center hitting a financial crunch due to the lack of funding since the federal shutdown. Judge Grasty suggested some sort of bridge loan, but needs to know what the numbers are as to just exactly what is going to be needed. She said \$33,529 to get thru the end of November, but would have an exact number by November 6. Monthly expenses at full operation are about 73,000. Her hope is to keep from furloughing staff. The Court is more concerned about program and service to those in need. Nellie Franklin, County Treasurer suggested that it would probably need to be longer than 2 weeks, as these catch ups take a long time, it's the federal government. The court discussed what other programs may be in this situation as well. The court discussed where the bridge loan could come from, and Judge Grasty recommended County Court Contingency, as it was a justifiable expenditure. The Court will make a final determination on this issue on November 6. The court discussed the situation with inability to obtain wood permits as well, as it is concerning, and hoped to find a solution to that problem.

Shana Withee, representing the County Logo committee, was present to share the results of the logo contest. She thanked the committee, and shared the logo that was selected by vote, designed by Hunter Paramore.

Commissioner Nichols moved to approve and accept the design by Hunter Paramore as the Official Harney County Logo, and approve payment of 250.00 to Mr. Paramore for formatting of the digital files for use. Commissioner Nichols stated the Court is not committing to the color scheme as presented, as each use can be different, only the design. A copy of the design is attached to these minutes. Commissioner Runnels second, the motion carried unanimously.

The Court discussed meeting dates in November, as the court will be in attendance of the Association of Oregon Counties annual conference. Commissioner Runnels suggested the court meet November 26,

but allow staff to process accounts payable as normal on November 20, as the County Treasurer and County Clerk may sign checks so that bills are paid timely. The financials will be approved on November 26.

The Court reviewed a contract with Harney County Veterinary Clinic for dog impounds.

Court will tour this afternoon, in particular out to best lane.

At 11:26 a.m. the Court recessed regular session, and went in to executive session, as authorized by ORS 192.660(2) (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The Court reconvened in regular session at 11:54 a.m., no action was taken.

Commissioner Runnels asked about a veterans indigent fund, and if such a fund was required by statute. Judge Grasty stated he would check statutes, and with state Veterans affairs for further information.

At 1:00 p.m. The court planned to join the Roadmaster for a county road tour, to Best Lane, in particular.

There being no further business, the court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrin Robinson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

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

