



**In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County**  
***Minutes of the County Court***  
***April 23, 2014***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday April 2, 2014. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols and Commissioner Pete Runnels. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Road Master; Dave Glerup, Sheriff; and Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk.

Others in attendance included Samantha White, Barbara Cannady, Melissa Ward, Chris Siegner, Phil Looney, Ted Cavanaugh, Nick Bleuler, Carol Hendrickson and Isobel VanTassel.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting, Commissioner Runnels seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by Court Signatures.

**Public Comment:**

Barbara Cannady spoke regarding alleged criminal mischief activity on her property. Ms. Cannady provided written comments for the file.

**Old Business:**

Judge Grasty attended a meeting in Bend yesterday discussing what the state sees in the next process in the Sage Grouse Plan, and what the State's effort is regarding a state plan.

**New Business:**

The Court reviewed information about the National Flood Insurance Program compliance with The Endangered Species Act.

The Court met with representatives from Symmetry Care, Inc. about the possibility of the return of a locally administered Developmental Disability Program.

Isobelle VanTassle provided a brief overview of how treatment court works, and The Court heard some testimonials from past successful participants.

Andrew Haden and Aaron Berg with Wisewood, Inc. were present and continued discussion regarding the preliminary feasibility analysis for biomass energy at the Harney County Courthouse.

Eric Drushella, Roadmaster shared concerns he has with the recent construction of a dam in the slough off of Newton Rd., and possible implications to the road during high water periods. He and the Court will monitor the situation.

The Court discussed the annual recertification of Financial Assurance through DEQ. The County currently meets the requirements by current funding ability.

Mellissa Ward, with Malheur National Forest was present to answer any questions regarding the Spring 2014 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

The Court discussed the Warm Springs Hydroelectric Project. There will be a public hearing in Burns May 1, at 9:00 am at the Community Center.

Eric Drushella, Road Master; discussed the recent fire that destroyed the bridge on Old Experiment Station Rd. He stated the road is now closed. An engineer has inspected the remains and has determined the structural integrity is very much in question, so it needs to be replaced. Judge Grasty stated the bridge disaster is an emergency. The Court has been advised by county counsel the replacement process is allowed to be outside of Oregon bidding law, due to the circumstances. It is economically necessary to replace as soon as possible. This bridge is not insured, as the cost to insure bridges is prohibitive. Cost recovery options are still being researched.

The Court reviewed correspondence and scheduling.

The court discussed the need for a surplus land sale again. Judge Grasty will have the Planning Dept. put together an updated list of surplus tax foreclosed properties, and the Court can review which parcels to put up for public auction.

There being no further business, the session adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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