



In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
June 18, 2014

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 18, 2014. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols and Commissioner Pete Runnels. Also attending were Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk.

Others in attendance included Barbara Cannady, Sarah Jones, Mia Shepard, Steve Howe, and Charlie Ewing.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting, Judge Grasty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by Court Signatures.

Public Comment:

Mia Shepard, representing the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation group, explained their organization works on policy at a national level. They have been working on RMP process with BLM on management that benefits the rangeland for multiple use.

Sarah Jones, Director of High Desert Partnership, requested a letter of support for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Grant for the Harney County restoration collaborative. Judge Grasty moved the court send a letter of support for the Grant. Commissioner Runnels seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Cannady asked if a draft copy of the road inventory map can be made available at each “community”. Judge Grasty stated that was a good suggestion but couldn’t promise it will happen. He explained a draft copy of the map is posted in the foyer of the courthouse and a public hearing has been set for July 16th at 1:30 p.m.

The Court reviewed again the DCR Hay Application for an Approach. The Court has requested an application from the landowner so this application is dismissed.

The Court further discussed a surplus County Land Sale. There are currently 13 parcels in the review process. Commissioner Nichols didn’t see any reason to wait longer to put these parcels up for public auction. Commissioner Nichols moved to sell the following parcels:

Account #	Map	TL	DESCRIPTION	Acres	RMV
1192	23S31E18BB	5100	S COURT AVE (BURNS)	0.11	\$9,600.00
1271	23S30E12DC	1200	NEW 9/2012 Burns off of W Monroe St	0.35	\$16,080.00
1272	23S30E12DC	1300	Burns off of W Monroe St	0.89	\$21,910.00
5826	23S32VE20	400	East of S Harney Rd	20.00	\$7,600.00
8277	23S31E18CC	5300	off S Egan Arthur Ln in County	0.00	\$11,500.00
10810	26S34E	1500	East of HWY 78	160.00	\$51,740.00
20047	36S29E21	700	CATLOW VALLEY	10.00	\$1,500.00
20054	36S29E25	800	CATLOW VALLEY	40.00	\$12,000.00
20139	36S30E13	100	CATLOW VALLEY	10.00	\$2,700.00
29085	36S33E09	500	East Steens	20.00	\$7,880.00
45162	26S31NE23	400	N of Double Rd on Hwy 205	36.60	\$12,810.00
48084	36S36E09	400	6 Miles SE Of Alvord Desert	5.00	\$750.00
59507	36S29E	1300	CATLOW VALLEY	160.00	\$48,000.00

Commissioner Runnels seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The sale will be set for July.

The Court reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with Harney and Grant County for Licensing, Inspection and Enforcement of Public Facilities Regulated by the Dept. of Human Services, Oregon Health Division, Environmental Health Programs. The Court simply signed a new previously signed original.

The Court reviewed an application for an approach by Hammond Ranches. Road Master Eric Drushella had approved the Approach. Commissioner Nichols moved to approve the Approach, Commissioner Runnels seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

The Court discussed the appointment of a Film Project Advisory Committee. A list of names was discussed and agreed to by consensus.

Court reviewed the proposed new boundaries for the Oregon Consortium/Oregon Workforce Alliance. Lengthy discussion ensued. Commissioner Nichols expressed disappointment in the outcomes in the past. Agness Balassa, Workforce Policy Advisor to the Governor's Office; will be here on July 2 to discuss the new organizational proposal with the court.

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

The Court reviewed correspondence from the Dept. of Revenue; Stacey Johnson, Harney County Jail Commander; Dept. of Environmental Quality; Centurylink; Malheur National Wildlife Refuge; and Bureau of Land Management.

Commissioner Runnels agreed to complete the annual jail inspection and report at the next court meeting.

The Court reviewed an order for distribution of land sale money. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign the Court Order in the matter of Distribution of Land Sale Money, Commissioner Nichols seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. *(CJ-2014-53)*

Judge Grasty reported discussions continue with the insurance company regarding the bridge recently damaged by fire.

At 1:30 p.m., The Court opened the budget hearing on the approved 2014-2015 budget as approved by the Budget Committee. Judge Grasty explained a couple of changes from the approved budget, specifically in Fund 221- Senior /Community Transportation. Grant funds will be received for a new bus so adjustments were made in that fund since approval by the budget committee in order to account for it there will be \$126,106 in unanticipated new revenue, for a total Fund appropriation of \$402, 613. The Hearing remained open for public comment.

The Court reviewed Resolution 2014-5, in the matter of appropriating funds due to unexpected occurrence or condition in Fund 221- Senior and Community Transportation. Commissioner Runnels moved to adopt Resolution 2014-05, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion carried unanimously. *(CJ-2014-54)*

The Court reviewed Resolution 2014-6, in the matter of appropriating funds due to unexpected occurrence or condition in Fund 227- Early Learning Council Hub. Commissioner Runnels moved to adopt resolution 2014-06, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion carried unanimously. *(CJ-2014-55)*

The Court reviewed Resolution 2014-7, in the matter of appropriating funds due to unexpected occurrence or condition in Fund 213- Building Fund. Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt resolution 2014-7, Commissioner Runnels seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ-2014-56)

At 2:17 p.m. Judge Grasty closed the public hearing on the 2014-2015 budget.

Commissioner Runnels declared an actual conflict of interest in regards to the District Attorney's Dept., Sheriff's Dept., and Promotion portions of the General Fund of the budget for the record.

Judge Grasty moved to adopt Resolution 2014-03, In the Matter of Adopting the 2014-2015 Budget and Making Appropriations in the amount of \$16,239,272. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Judge Grasty explained in all years in past the motion contained the total dollars in the budget and this motion only contains the appropriations. Commissioner Nichols seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (CJ-2014-58)

Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt Resolution 2014-04, In the Matter of Imposing and Categorizing 2014-2015 Taxes in the County of Harney, State of Oregon, at the rate of 4.5016 per \$1,000.00. Commissioner Runnels seconded. Judge Grasty explained as a formality, the budget committee has done this as well. The motion carried unanimously. (CJ-2014-59)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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 and title.

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