



**In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County**  
***Minutes of the County Court***  
***December 17, 2014***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, and Commission Pete Runnels and Commissioner Dan Nichols. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Sheriff David Glerup; Sheriff Designate David M. Ward; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director; Tim Colahan, District Attorney.

Others in attendance included Barb Kull, Barbara Cannady, Samantha White, Joan Davies, Scott Williamson, Brent Beverly, and Stacey Davies.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the County Court meeting on December 3, 2014, and Special Sessions on December 2 and 5, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, motion carried unanimously.

**Vouchers were reviewed and approved by Court Signatures**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

Update on Sage Grouse Judge Grasty discussed issues addressed at the SageCon meeting in Bend on Friday, December 12, 2014.

## New Business

### Signing of an Order Appointing Harney County Sheriff

Judge Grasty read the order appointing David M. Ward to act as the Harney County Sheriff as of January 1, 2015. Commissioner Runnels made a motion to sign the order In the Matter of Appointing Harney County Sheriff, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, motion carried unanimously (CJ2014-133).

### Update and discussion with both cities regarding the FEMA Flood Plain

Joan Davies, City of Hines, City Administrator; Scott Williamson, Burns Fire Chief; and Planning Director, Brandon McMullen gave updates and discussed the FEMA Flood Plain. There will be a hand-off meeting on December 18, 2014, to the community. Judge Grasty suggested that the Cities of Burns and Hines, and the County need to be in agreement before signing anything from FEMA. Judge Grasty also suggested a future meeting with Senator Ted Ferrioli and Representatives Cliff Bentz.

### Review of an application by Sitz Ranch LLC for an approach on Van Drewsey Road

Roadmaster, Eric Drushella reviewed an application by Sitz Ranch LLC. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the approach to include the recommendations made by Eric Drushella, Commissioner Runnels seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously (CJ2014-134).

### Discussion regarding administration of the Parole and Probation Department

Sheriff Designate Dave Ward, Supervisor of Community Corrections Roger Stampke, Sheriff Dave Glerup; and Deputy Brian Needham discussed with the Court the letter/review from the Oregon State Department of Corrections and gave opinions regarding the administration of the Parole and Probation Department. Judge Grasty will schedule a meeting between District Attorney Tim Colahan, Roger Stampke, and Sheriff Dave Ward to discuss Community Corrections supervision and other issues. Judge Grasty will also invite Judge Cramer to the next County Court meeting to discuss his opinion on the administration of the Parole/Probation Department. Documents referenced during the discussion included a letter to the Harney County Board of Commissions from Jeremiah Stromberg of the Oregon Department of Corrections, Assistant Director/Community Corrections Division, dated September 15, 2014, outlining areas of non-compliance with Harney County's Grant-In-Aid/Subsidy Intergovernmental Agreement #4809 and Measure 57 Supplemental Fund Intergovernmental Agreement #4863; and the letter dated November 13, 2014, which is an update to the letter previously referenced.

### Commissioner Runnels with an update on the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)

Commissioner Runnels gave an update on the issues discussed during the December 9, 2014, Coordinated Care Organization meeting.

Signing of Harney County's Memorandum in Support of Motion to Intervene/Motion for Reconsideration

Commissioners Runnels and Nichols requested additional time to review the Harney County Memorandum presented by Judge Grasty. No action was taken at this time.

Beaty Butte and ONDA-BBGA (Beaty's Butte Grazing Association) Consensus Project joint session with Lake County

The Court participated in a joint session with Lake County via tele-conference to discuss the Beaty Butte Consensus Project. Additional participants included Stacey Davies, President of the Beaty's Butte Grazing Association; and Brent Beverly, Harney Electric Cooperative. After a lengthy discuss, Judge Grasty requested that Commissioner Runnels and Lake County Commissioner Ken Kestner collaborate on a letter to express the need for an emergency plan for Lake and Harney County ranchers.

**Correspondence to Review**

Portland State University – Preliminary 2014 Population Estimate.

Roaring Springs Ranch – request for historical pictures.

Judge William D. Cramer – requesting a discussion about Parole & Probation.

**Late Items**

None.

**Scheduling**

No action was taken regarding the scheduling of the Taylor Grazing meeting.

Next County Court meeting will be January 7, 2015, at 10:00 am.

**General Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)**

None.

**Adjournment**

Recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 pm for the Beaty's Butte and ONDA-BBGA Consensus Project joint session with Lake County. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston  
Deputy Clerk