



**In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
May 21, 2014**

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday May 21, 2014. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioner Pete Runnels. Commissioner Nichols was excused, as he was attending a meeting of the Juniper Utilization Group. Also attending were Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director; Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor, Jim Campbell, Weed Control Coordinator; Dally Swindlehurst, CWMA Coordinator and Charlie Ewing, AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer.

Others in attendance included Samantha White, Herb Vloedman, Karen Moon, Barbara Kull and Barbara Cannady.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2014 meeting, Judge Grasty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by Court Signatures.

Public Comment:

Herb Vloedman asked about the veterans recognition signs. Judge Grasty expressed he thought Mr. Vloedman stated last time this was discussed, that he was working on it, and moving forward. He asked Mr. Vloedman to come in, and they would call and get them ordered right away. Mr. Vloedman also mentioned the Lions Sight and Hearing Van is here for screenings, along with screenings at Harney District Hospital.

Barbara Cannady asked that the road inventory map the court has been working on be placed in the foyer for the public to view. Judge Grasty stated they would be happy to do so.

Jim Campbell, Weed Control Coordinator; provided the CWMA annual report.

Ted Tiller, County Assessor was present to discuss uncollectable personal property taxes, specifically for personal mobile homes located in Tarrana Mobile Home Park in Hines, as they are abandoned, and unlivable. One more in Hines Mobile Home Park, and one Commercial portable coffee shop that has since been relocated from Harney County. The Court will review and make a decision on June 4.

Judge Grasty provided a brief update on the sage grouse matter.

The Court reviewed a list of county tax foreclosed properties. They will take action on the list on June 4, 2014

Commissioner Runnels moved to appoint John Lamborn to the Housing Authority of Malheur and Harney Counties. Judge Grasty seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Court discussed a requested vacation of an alley in Crane near the Crane Fellowship Church. The court has taken the position in the past, to not vacate these right-of-ways, due the fact it is platted as a town site, at one time was incorporated, and could be again in the future. Judge Grasty will contact the requestors and explain the denial.

The court reviewed notices of water use requests. Judge Grasty has heard Oregon Dept. of Water Resources has been denying requests and wants to have a representative to come report at county court. Judge Grasty will invite them.

The Court reviewed a letter designating Harney and Malheur counties as primary natural disaster areas due to drought. Loan assistance becomes available for farmers under this designation. FSA is the office to contact for assistance.

The Court adjourned at 10:50 am.

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, C.R.A.; C.E.A.
Harney County Clerk & Recorder