



In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
September 3, 2014

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday September 3, 2014. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, and Commissioner Pete Runnels and Commissioner Dan Nichols. Also attending were Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Jim Campbell, Weed Control Coordinator; and Tim Colahan, District Attorney/ County Counsel.

Others in attendance included Samantha White, Barbara Kull, Barbara Cannady and Sharon Newell Carns-Chaddick.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2014 meeting, Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by Court Signatures.

Public Comment:

Sharon Newell Carns-Chaddick spoke representing wild horses and burros.

Barbara Cannady read and presented a letter to the court regarding litigation she had been involved with.

Barbara Kull asked court members if they had reviewed the information she had presented regarding agenda 21. The Court acknowledged receipt, but has not had time to review it completely.

Judge Grasty provided a brief sage grouse matter update.

Jim Campbell, Weed Control Coordinator; gave a presentation regarding weeds following a wild land fire. Mr. Campbell Explained the BLM is going to do a 45000 acre emergency stabilization for medusa head this year, following the Buzzard Complex fire, and he is still working on funding to cover the state and private blocks.

Tim Colahan, District Attorney; was present to discuss the re-appointment of the Harney County Supervisory Authority, Parole Board and Hearings Officer. Judge Grasty explained the Order places the Community Corrections Dept. under the supervision of the County Sheriff. He reiterated to the court that is an organizational decision of the court, and can be reorganized at any time. Commissioner Runnels moved to sign the Order in the matter of Appointing the Harney County Supervisory Authority, Parole Board and Hearings Officer. Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Court reviewed a reservation for a right-of-way on private property near East Steens Road. County Counsel Tim Colahan explained the process used in the past, being a quitclaim deed to the current owners relinquishing any interest in the property. He will prepare a deed for the court to consider at the next county court meeting.

The Court reviewed a letter regarding a speed zone investigation by ODOT on South Egan Road.

The Court did not get a chance to work on the matter of the response to the ONDA Letter of August 15, 2014, and would discuss it later in the day, during a possible work session, and prepare it for signature at the next county court meeting.

Court reviewed correspondence including:

- A letter from BLM Vale District Office regarding Allotments.
- A letter from BLM Lakeview Resource Area regarding integrated weed management program Environmental Assessment.
- A letter from Eric Belt, Veterans' Services Administrator regarding the annual grant request.
- A letter from Katie Schmidt, Oregon Trail Electric regarding confirmation of combined accounts for Harney County.
- A letter Teresa Raff, explaining her resignation as Supervisor of Malheur National Forest.

At 11:00 a.m., The Court opened bids received for a drilling and blasting project. Bids received were as follows: were received, as follows-

- Quality Drilling and Blasting, Bend, Oregon, 50,000 yards for \$98,500.00
- McCallum Rock Drilling, Albany Oregon 50,000 yards for \$1.45 per yard, (\$72,500).
- Aggregate Resource Drilling, Inc., Springfield, Oregon 50,000 yards for \$90,000.
- Barnes, Inc. 50,000 yards at \$1.57 per yard, \$(78,500).

The Road Supervisor recommended awarding the bid to McCallum Rock Drilling for \$1.45 per yard. Commissioner Nichols moved to award the bid to McCallum Rock Drilling, at \$1.45 per yard. Commissioner Runnels seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The court reviewed notices of water use requests and there were no objections to any requests.

Judge Grasty expressed concerns about the strategy developed by GEODC for Economic development, and how it is very directly focused on the north end of the region (Columbia River corridor), and not towards Southeast Oregon, a brief discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the court adjourned at 11:33 a.m., and planned to hold a work session in the afternoon, at which no decisions would be made.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrin Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, C.R.A.; C.E.A.
Harney County Clerk