

***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the
Budget Committee
May 13, 2015***

The Harney County Budget Committee convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Pete Runnels, Commissioner Dan Nichols, Committee Chairperson Holly Smith and Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk.

Runnels moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2015 Budget Committee meeting. Commissioner Nichols seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

The following funds were reviewed by the committee:

Predator Control- Rod Curtis was present to review the program and funding. \$56,567 is proposed by committee. Judge Grasty moved, to acknowledge review, and tentatively approve the appropriation. Commissioner Runnels seconded, motion carried unanimously.

OSU Extension Service- Shana Withee, and Willie Riggs, OSU Extension Agents, were present to review the program and funding request of \$129,000 again this year. It includes the hire of a new program assistant. Commissioner Runnels moved to acknowledge review, and tentatively approve the appropriation. Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Harney County Fair- board members were present to review program and funding request of \$76,071. The committee has budgeted 60,000 from General Fund, currently concerns exist about the sustainability of the general fund, and the committee will need to look at ways to save within the general fund. Fair Board Member Vern brown stated that it is their goal to make the fair self-supporting, but currently it is not quite there. He doesn't know how to cut this request. Budget Committee Chairman Holly Smith stated "you either control expenses or increase revenue. Even going to the actual costs of last year, a significant amount of money can be saved."

Commissioner Nichols asked if the board had surveyed the community to see if this is what they want. He said he operates a business and there's no one to pick up a shortfall. You make the decisions based on the dollars you have in front of you. Gate admission is a necessity. Judge Grasty suggested at the June 3 budget hearing, the committee see if the beginning fund balance will cover the difference between the 60,000 and the 16,000 additional required to balance. He believes it will be there. The Budget Committee will review and approve the fund on June 3.

Soil and Water Conservation District- Marty Gould was present to review the program and \$11,000 request. Judge Grasty moved to acknowledge review, and tentatively approve the request. Commissioner Runnels seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Hit Squad Boxing- Terry Hoodie was present to review the program. The club is requesting \$400.00; the committee will take it under advisement, and work to fill the requests at the end of the budget process.

Burns Butte Sportsman's Club- Ralph Steelman and Mardy Boatman were present to request funding of 800.00. The court agreed by consensus this would be approved.

Archive Reserve- Judge Grasty explained this new fund.

General Operating Reserve- Judge Grasty explained this new fund.

Burns Softball- Charity Wensenk was present to request funding assistance for the program requesting 1989.00 for in-field maintenance. Current budgeted but unrequested amount is 750.00. The committee will take it under advisement, and work to fill the requests at the end of the budget process.

Community Flag- Ken Post requested 500.00 towards the fund.

Kiwanis- Chelsea Harrison was present to ask for \$1000 towards the annual 4th of July fireworks display.

HHOPE- Angela Johnson was present to request funding assistance to meet ADA requirements at new office location.

Kids Club of Harney County- Jenni Stevens, present to review the programs, requests 14,000.

Park & Recreation District- Ashley Miller, requested \$750.00 for maintenance of the dandelion problem at the Park & Rec. softball field.

Hilander Basketball Camp- Brandon McMullen requested \$800.00 again for the camp.

High Desert Partnership-Brenda Smith presented the program request of \$15,000 in support of the restoration collaborative.

Harney County Historical Society- Mildred Fine provided an update and requested \$4000.00.

Save-A-Stray- requested \$2500.00 again this year.

Runnels moved to acknowledge the Promotion funds as requested from proposals.
Nichols seconded, motion carried.

The next Budget Committee meeting to be held on June 3, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

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