



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
December 2, 2015***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, and Commissioner Pete Runnels and Commissioner Dan Nichols. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Road Master; Lodi Presley, Community Corrections Director; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Others in attendance included Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Darrell Williams, Oregon State Snowmobile Association; Barbara Cannady.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2015, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher Approval

Opportunity for Public Comment

Judge Grasty discussed a letter from Herb Vloedman requesting budget information. Judge Grasty will meet with Herb to discuss his request for information.

Barbara Cannady presented the Court with a letter, requesting to be appointed to the proposed committee serving to review the Harney County Comprehensive Plan. Judge Grasty asked Barbara to provide Brandon McMullen with a copy of the letter.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review of a map showing trails maintained by the local Snowmobile Club

Darrell Williams, member of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association, provided the Court with a trail map and reviewed it with the Court. Judge Grasty requested any changes to the map be provided to the Court so it can be recorded in the Commissioners Journal for future reference. Once approved, the map will be mass produced and available to the public on their website for download.

Prioritization of Title II Projects

The Court prioritized the Title II Projects as follows:

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| #1 | (High) | YCC Crew for ICRD |
| #2 | (High) | Thinning and Grapple Piling |
| #3 | (Medium) | Marshall Creek Aquatic Restoration |
| #4 | (Low) | ECRD Recreation Facilities |
| #5 | (Low) | Ant Aspen Restoration |

2015-2017 Justice Reinvestment Grant

Lodi Presley, Community Corrections Director, provided the Court with an update on Community Corrections and discussed the official Grant Award Letter for the 2015-2017 Justice Reinvestment Grant. The total funding award is \$141,594. Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to authorize Lodi to sign the grant and provide a fully executed copy to the Court, seconded by Judge Grasty, Commissioner Runnels abstained from the vote declaring an indirect conflict of interest, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Update on the Courthouse HVAC project; postponement of the bid opening until Dec. 16

Judge Grasty gave an update to the Court regarding the Courthouse HVAC project. The Court does not have a funding commitment, so the bid process has been postponed until December 16, 2015. The Judge will be meeting with State agencies on December 8 and 14, 2015, to secure the funding before the Court will proceed with the project.

Discussion regarding improvements to the Scout Cabin at Theimer Park

Judge Grasty discussed the improvements needed for the Scout Cabin at Theimer Park. The committee recommended replacement of the deck, construction of a ramp, and replacement of all the windows and doors. The Court received one bid for \$24,600 from Brian Wall of Wall Construction. Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to accept the bid from Wall Construction for the improvements to the scout cabin at Theimer Park, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the BLMs announcement for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

Judge Grasty discussed the announcement requesting nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory. No nominations were made at this time.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

BLM – Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed Withdrawal of Sagebrush Focal Area

Oregon State University – County Fund Balances

Scheduling

Next County Court on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 10 a.m.

NACO Conference, February 20-24, 2016.

Late Items

Furlough Days and Position Vacancies

Judge Grasty updated the Court on the furlough days for General Fund employees. Each department will discuss with their own employees how to coordinate the days off without closing any of the offices. Any further questions will be addressed at the Department Head meeting on December 3, 2015. He also discussed the replacement of a position in the Juvenile Department.

Judge Grasty and Commissioner Runnels will begin budget discussions in January, 2016.

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

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.