



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County  
Minutes of the County Court  
November 24, 2015***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, and Commissioner Pete Runnels and Commissioner Dan Nichols. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; David Ward, Harney County Sheriff; Lt. Brian Needham, Harney County Sheriff's Office, Karen Moon, Watershed Council; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Others in attendance included Mark Owens, Herb Vloedman, Barbara Cannady, and Vern Brown

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

**Voucher Approval**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Herb Vloedman presented the Court with a list of questions regarding the budget and recent Burns Times Herald. Judge Grasty did not have the information readily available and asked Herb to return in the afternoon to address his questions.

Barbara Cannady discussed the USFS plan regarding elimination of roads on public lands and re-introduction of wolves.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Review of a Contract for Professional Services – Mediator

Review of Water Use Requests

## **Correspondence**

Yturri Rose LLP – Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims

Harney County Fair Board member resignation letter

Vern Brown provided the Court with a letter and discussed his resignation from the Harney County Fair Board. Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to accept the resignation of Vern Brown from the Harney County Fair Board, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

US Census Bureau – 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances

DEQ – Compliance Inspection Reports – Fields & Frenchglen landfills

The Court will contact the staff at the landfills to discuss the inspection report and how the Court can assist the landfill staff with the compliance issues.

BLM – News Release, Schedules Public Scoping Meetings on Proposed Minerals Withdrawal in Sagebrush Focal Areas and extends public comment period

The Court discussed the upcoming meetings and the cancellation of the Burns meeting scheduled for December 14, 2015.

BLM – proposed land exchange with Jeff and Sheri Hussey near Otis Valley Road

The Court will double check the details of this exchange and then offer letter of support.

Rural Fire Protection Areas – Wagontire and Lone Pine budgets

The Court also received a budget from Fields – Andrews. To date, the Court has received 3 out of the 6 budgets from the rural fire protection areas.

## **Scheduling**

Next County Court on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 10 a.m.

## **Late Items**

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

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.