



*In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
February 3, 2016*

The Harney County Court convened in the Harney County Circuit Court Room at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Pete Runnels, and Commissioner Dan Nichols. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

The list of others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016, County Court meeting, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher Approval

Opportunity for Public Comment

Barbara Cannady discussed dams and asked if Harney County was a cooperative or coordinating agency.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review of an application for Mineral Rights by Nathan MacAlevy

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to approve the application and continue with the mineral rights process, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Update on the current situation within the County/Public Comment

The following individuals expressed concerns and made comments regarding the continued armed occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge: Cathy Jory, Mary Ausmus, Shana Withee, Ted Tiller (Harney County Tax Assessor), Bobby Green (Oregon Health Authority), Karen Willard (Oregon Health Authority), Kattaryna Stiles (Oregon Health Authority), Chris Siegner (Symmetry Care), Commissioner Pete Runnels, Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols, Sheriff David Ward, Karen Moon (Watershed Council), Paul Hyland, Vanessa Leathers-King (Committee of Safety), Debbie Johnson, and Ralph Frank.

Correspondence

Oregon Department of State Lands – Application No. APP0058668

Malheur National Forest – Notice of Decision

Scheduling

According to Vanessa Leathers-King, there will be a Committee of Safety meeting on February 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Quail Court Apartments meeting room and all are invited to attend.

Next County Court meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Late Items

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

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk