



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
August 17, 2016***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Grasty’s office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols, and Commissioner Pete Runnels. Also attending were Brandon McMullen, Planning Department; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Others in attendance including Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Scott Fairly, Governor’s Office; Mark Owens, Barbara Cannady, Louis Smith, Sheryl Smith, Mitzi Defenbaugh, Travis Williams, and Joan Armstead.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2016, meeting with one correction, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher Approval

Opportunity for Public Comments

None

Old Business

Appointments to the Planning Commission

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to re-appoint Vern Brown Sr. to the Harney County Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to appoint Rob Frank to the Harney County Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

LCDC Committee Update

Louis Smith, Cheryl Smith, Barbara Cannady, and Joan Armstead discussed with the Court the draft letter by Melodi Molt regarding the regionalization of the Land Conservation Development Commission (LCDC). They requested additional time to revise the letter and will review it with the Court at a later date.

Update on ODOT contracts for the Juntura Cut-off Road project – possible action

Scott Fairly, Governor's Office, discussed with the Court the Memorandum of Understanding between EP Minerals, Harney County, and Malheur County.

Update on the boiler project – possible action

Judge Grasty discussed the progress made on the boiler project including trenching and installation of heating/cooling units.

New Business

Resolution #2016-12, In the Matter of an Unexpected Occurrence – Oregon Health Authority Community Partner Program

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2016-12 (CJ2016-103) In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition – Community Partner Program, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2016-13, In the Matter of an Unexpected Occurrence – Oregon Department of Transportation Biomass Street Project

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to approve Resolution #2016-13 (CJ2016-104) In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition – Biomass Street Project (ODOT), seconded by Commission Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2016-14, In the Matter of an Unexpected Occurrence – Historic Cemetery Grant

Commissioner Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2016-14 (CJ2016-105) In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition – Historic Cemetery Grant, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2016-16, In the Matter of an Unexpected Occurrence – Weed Control

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to approve Resolution #2016-16 (CJ2016-106) In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition – Weed Control, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #544-15 for Annual Grass Control

The Court discussed Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #544-15 Harney County Weed Control for Annual Grass Control (CJ2016-107).

Review of a Road Naming Request and associated Resolution #2016-15 – Meadow Acres Lane

Commissioner Nichols made a Motion to approve the Road Naming Request Notification (CJ2016-108) Meadow Acres Lane, seconded by Commissioner Runnels, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Possible Executive Session as authorized by ORS 192.66(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard with current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Grasty's office at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Dan Nichols and Commissioner Pete Runnels via telephone, and counsel. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Work Session

Correspondence to Review

BLM, Vale District – removal of excess wild horses within the Cold Springs Herd Management Area

Scheduling

Judge Grasty advised the Court there will be an Executive Session on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Next County Court meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

Late Items

Travis Williams discussed the ODF&W notice he found near the Malheur River between Drewsey and Riverside. Judge Grasty discussed the need for better communication from ODF&W.

Additional topics discussed by the Court included 2016 General Election ballot measures, Harney County Employee Handbook, Harney County Search and Rescue, ONDA's proposed Oregon Desert Trail, recent OSHA visit to the Harney County Courthouse, 2015 Oregon PILT report by Lake County, Forest Service weed funds, Goal 5, 9-1-1 Dispatch budget, Eastern Oregon Academy, and the Environmental Assessment on the mining withdrawal.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

The Court recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The Court reconvened at 1:15 p.m. and, with no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk