



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court Session***

January 4, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, and Commissioner Mark Owens and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Tim Colahan, County Counsel; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director; Nellie Franklin, Treasurer; Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Jeff Dorroh, Mary Dorroh, Madeline Dorroh, Pamela Reid, Karen Moon, Watershed Council; Jerry Staley, Fair Board and Harney Forest Products Co-Op; Ron Copeland, American Legion; Randy Fulton, Harney County Economic Development (HCED); Holly Orr, BLM; and Samantha White, Burns Times Herald.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2016, meeting, seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher Approval

Postponed until the 1:00 p.m. Work Session

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Swearing in of a new Commissioner in Position 2 of the Harney County Court
Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Patty Dorroh as Harney County Commissioner Position #2, seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Harney County Clerk, Derrin Robinson, performed the Oath of Office for Patty Dorroh, Harney County Commissioner.

Motion to appoint Judge Pete Runnels as the Harney County Public Health Administrator

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Judge Pete Runnels as the Harney County Public Health Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:15 a.m. Ron Copeland, American Legion, with the annual financial status of the Veterans Assistance Fund

Ron Copeland discussed with the Court the American Legion Veterans Assistance Fund financial report for calendar year 2016. For the end of the calendar year of 2016 the fund balance is \$18,189.12. He reviewed the history of the fund, and discussed the five (5) veterans who benefited from the fund in 2016.

10:30 a.m. Randy Fulton with an update on the Harney County Economic Development
Randy Fulton presented the Court with a report regarding the Harney County Economic Development (HCED) for 2016. Topics of discussion included: 1) payroll management, marketing and business planning services provided by HCED to established businesses in Harney County, 2) relationship building with Silvie Valley Retreat & Links, Burns Times Herald, Pacific Natural Foods, My Wave Internet, Wisewood, and the Burns Paiute Tribe, 3) continued training and education, and 4) interaction with new and established Harney County business owners.

Appointment of Planning Commission members

Brandon McMullen discussed the opening on the Harney County Planning Commission after the resignation of Mark Owens, due to his election to the Harney County Court. This position will expire 6/30/19. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Tony Sanchez to the Harney County Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Fair Board members

Rick Paul, interim Fair Manager, and Jerry Staley and Karen Moon, Fair Board members, discussed the future of the Fair Board. The Court made no appointments at this time and will discuss Fair Board changes and appointments on January 11, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Harney County Fairgrounds.

Annual Orders in the Matter of Appointment a Budget Officer, Appointing a District Medical Examiner for Harney County, Appointing a Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore and Designating the Official County Newspaper

Commissioner Owens made a Motion appointing Judge Runnels as a County Budget Officer for Harney County for the year 2017 (CJ2017-10), seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion appointing Dr. Kevin Johnston a District Medical Examiner for Harney County (Resolution #2017-01/CJ2017-9), seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion appointing Judge Kathy Stinnett as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for Harney County Justice Court for the 2017 calendar year (CJ2017-8), seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion designating the Burns Times-Herald the official County newspaper for the year 2017 (CJ2017-7), seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

1 p.m., Work Session

Correspondence

Pete Runnels – Resignation as County Commissioner

Mark Owens – Resignation as Planning Commission member

State of Oregon – Strategic Reserve Fund Loan Agreement

Forest Service, Prairie City Ranger District – Notice of comment period

BLM, Vale District – Notice of public review

Scheduling

First County Court work session will be January 11, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Harney County Fairgrounds

Next County Court meeting on January 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Late Items

Judge Runnels discussed some changes in the County Court meeting schedule. Meetings will start with a work session at 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., to review vouchers, sign checks, and other business. Beginning immediately, the Court will meet the 2nd

Wednesday of the month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., location to be announced. Beginning in March, 2017, the Court will meet the 4th Wednesday of the month in rural Harney County from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., location to be announced. These additional meeting will be for the purpose of public input and information but County administrative business will not be addressed during these sessions.

Judge Runnels would like all agenda items by the Wednesday before the scheduled County Court meeting, and will have the agenda distributed on the Friday before the session.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

The Court recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business, the Court adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk