



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

January 18, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Nellie Franklin, Harney County Treasurer; Deanna Atwell, Finance/Human Resources Manager; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Rick Paul, interim Fair Manager; Angie Lamborn, Harney County Senior Center Director; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Pamela Reid, Mary Ausmus, Holly Orr, BLM; and Samantha White, Burns Times Herald.

Work Session 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

Nellie Franklin and Deanna Atwell discussed the accounts payable process and vouchers submitted for approval. The Court reviewed and approved the vouchers by Court signature.

Holly Orr, BLM, gave the Court follow-up information from the last County Court meeting.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Owens, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mary Ausmus discussed the icy conditions in front of the Harney County Senior Center. Judge Runnels will discuss this issue at the next Senior Center board meeting.

Old Business

Discussion and appointment of Fair Board members

The Court discussed the work session held on Wednesday January 11, 2017, at the Harney County Fairgrounds. The main topics included the need for Fair Board member appointments, financial challenges, and a vision for the Fair Board and Fair Directors with a focus on sustainability and profitability of the Harney County Fair.

Judge Runnels made a Motion to appoint Jerry Staley to the Harney County Fair Board to expire on December 31, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Chance Peila to the Harney County Fair Board, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to appoint Zelle to the Harney County Fair Board, seconded by Commissioner Owens, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Appointments to the EOCCO Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC)

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Alta Tanner, Chris Williams, and Gwendlyen Long to the EOCCO LCAC, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh will be the County Court representative on the EOCCO LCAC.

10:30 a.m. Angie Lamborn, Senior Center Director, to discuss transportation funding

Angie Lamborn, Senior Center Director, discussed with the Court the transportation funding grants 5310, 5311, and STF. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the funding applications of 5310, 5311, and STF, seconded by Commissioner Dorroh, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of the results of recent drinking water testing of County buildings

The Court discussed the drinking water test results (lead), samples taken on December 8, 2016 from all the County buildings. The samples were collected by Box R Water Analysis Laboratory and the analysis was performed by Neilson Research Corporation of Medford, Oregon. All the water tested very low for lead, 0.001 or less.

Review of the Malheur National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions – Winter 2017

The Court discussed the Malheur National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions, Winter 2017. Commissioner Owens will contact Steve Beverlin, Forest Supervisor, to request background information on the various plans.

Review of Water Use Requests

11:30 a.m. Executive Session as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

Correspondence

None

Scheduling

Next County Court meeting on February 1, 2017, at 9:15 a.m.

Late Items

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

For the Record

Adjournment

The Court recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. for Executive Session. There being no further business, the Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk