



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

June 21, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Rick Paul, Fair; Eric Drushella, Road Department; Deanna Atwell, HR/Finance; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk

Also attending were Herb Vloedman, Barb Kull, Marjorie Thelen, Barbara Cannady, Tara Thissell, BLM; and Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald.

Work Session 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

The Court reviewed accounts payables, signed checks, and approved the vouchers by Court signature.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2017 County Court meeting, and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Herb Vloedman thanked the Road Department for the recent work on the Nature Trail. The Court discussed doggie poo bags and garbage cans, would it help? Herb will investigate and get info to Pete. He also asked about the property being considered donated to Senior Center.

Old Business

Flood Issues

There is a meeting scheduled for June 28, 2017, and topics of discussion will include self-insurance, change in the flood zone, and feasibility study on levy and funding.

Economic Development discussion

The Harney County Request for Proposal (RFP) for Economic Development Services 2017-2019 is now available on the Harney County website. Proposals are due July 7, 2017, by 5:00 p.m.; initial proposal review and screening on July 12, 2017; interviews on July 26, 2017; award of contract on August 2, 2017; and contract start date on August 14, 2017. Commissioner Dorroh will lead the final focus groups on June 22 and June 29, 5:30 p.m., in the Courthouse meeting room.

New Business

Consideration of a Mineral Rights application by Tyler Kaady

The Court reviewed the mineral rights application of Tyler Kaady. The Court reviewed the Mineral Evaluation completed by Tim K. Smith of TKS Consulting & Contract Geologic Services. The Court made the decision to transfer the mineral rights to Tyler Kaady and schedule a public hearing. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to set a public hearing for the mineral rights transfer from Harney County to Tyler Kaady, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the date of the first County Court meeting in July

Due to the July 4th holiday, County Court agreed to change the first meeting of the month to Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Discussion regarding the National Rainbow Gathering to be held on the Malheur Forest, Flagtail Meadow, near John Day and Seneca

The Court discussed the USDA press release regarding The Rainbow Family of Living Light gathering scheduled for July 1-7, 2017.

Resolution #2017-09 in the Matter of Donating Property to the Senior Center

Resolution #2017-09 was postponed by the Court until the next County Court meeting.

Review of Water Use Requests

1:15 p.m., Public Hearing in the Matter of Adopting the Budget for 2017/2018 and to Levy and Categorize Taxes

Judge Runnels presented the Court with a letter regarding the LB-1 Report amendment. The LB-1 total reported in the Burns Times-Herald on June 14, 2017, was incorrect. The Total Requirements on line 17 was reported as \$33,769,086.00; the correct amount should read \$33,705,147.00.

Signing of Resolution #2017-07 in the Matter of Adopting the Budget for 2017/2018 and signing of Resolution #2017-08 in the Matter of Imposing and Categorizing Taxes
Commissioner Dorroh made Motion to approve Resolution #2017-07 (CJ2017-93) in the Matter of Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriation for 2017-2018, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2017-08 (CJ2017-92) in the Matter of Imposing and Categorizing 2017-2018 Taxes in the County of Harney, State of Oregon, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

BLM, Burns District – Programmatic Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment

Scheduling

Rural meetings will resume in the Fall, 2017.

Late Items

Marjorie Thelen discussed the Democratic Party of Oregon State Central Committee meeting this weekend.

The Court discussed the Gravel Grinder bike race on June 24, 2017. Tara Thissell, BLM, provided information on the weekend events.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

The Court recessed for lunch at 11:00 a.m., and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. With no further discussion, the Court adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk