



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

April 10, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; and Eric Drushella, Road Department.

Public attending was Chad Strain, Jay Ellis, Cody Williams, Dawnetta Hauth, David Calkins, Rob Hollett, Corey Haley, Sharla Calkins, Kerry Boggs, Michael Allison, Hilda Allison, Tim Newkirk, Gretchen Bates, LaNeva Gilliam, Dave Hollett, Dale Houck, Connie McIntire, Rick Paul, Dennis Davis, Kim Rollins, Ross Otley, Mark Scott, Fred Hellbusch, Louis Smith, Patty Hodge, Amber Hodge, David Watts, Chris Briels, Patrick Wheeler, Roger Hirsch, Randy Wilson, Andrew Houck, Wayne Corns, Wayne DeLange, Chris Vachal, Roy Crafts, Michael Moss, Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council; and Holly Orr, BLM.

Work Session 9:25 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

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

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 27, 2019, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Gretchen Bates discussed the Harney County Republican Party reorganization and will be meeting the first Thursday of every month at Glory Days, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Chris Briels commented about the condition of the sandbags available from the County. Some of the bags are rotten and not usable. The Court reported that some of the bags were in good condition and additional bags will be provided.

Old Business

None

New Business

Service Recognition Awards

Angie Temple	5 years
Deanna Atwell	5 years
Phyllis Commeree	10 years
Jim Withee	20 years

Second Reading of Ordinance #2019-86 2nd Amendment Preservation Ordinance for Harney County

The County Court discussed Ordinance #2019-86 and Commissioner Dorroh read the proposed Ordinance (second reading) in its entirety. Commissioner Owens discussed the purpose of the Ordinance and the desire of the County to adopt something in a timely manner. If, in the future, the County needs to make changes to the Ordinance then they are open to it but would like to have a legal opinion first before making changes to the Ordinance. Public comments were received by Kim Rollins, Kerry Boggs, Gretchen Bates, and other individuals who did not identify themselves for the record. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Ordinance #2019-86 In the Matter of the Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance for Harney County and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. The Court will make the Ordinance available to the public on the Harney County website (www.co.harney.or.us).

Resolution #2019-11 In the Matter of a Resolution Clarifying the Authority of the County Clerk/Recorder to Execute the Environmental Review Documents Related to the Community Development Block Grant for the Burns/Hines/Harney County Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-11 in the matter of a resolution clarifying the authority of the County Clerk/Recorder to execute the environmental review documents related to the Community Development Block Grant for the Burns/Hines/Harney County Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program (CJ2019-46) and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-13 In the Matter of Declaring A State of Emergency Within Harney County

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-13 in the matter of declaring a state of emergency within Harney County (CJ2019-45) and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Moon, Approval of Watershed Board Members

Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council, recommended Benjamin Cate and Melinda (Alexa) Martinez to fill vacant positions on the board. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Benjamin Cate and Melinda (Alexa) Martinez as new members of the Harney County Watershed Council Board and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Signing of Bargain and Sale Deed, Scott and Ellen Franklin

Judge Runnels made a Motion to sign the Bargain and Sale Deed from Harney County to R. Scott and Ellen Franklin and seconded by Commissioner Owens (2019-0461). With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-12, In the Matter of Initiating Proceedings to Vacate Streets Located in the Town of Crane, Oregon

Commissioner Owens discussed the streets to be vacated in Crane, Oregon, and the issues associated with it. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-12 in the matter of initiating proceedings to vacate streets located in the town of Crane, Oregon (CJ2019-44) and seconded Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. - Opening of bids for asphalt emulsions for the calendar year 2019 paving season (read aloud publicly)

Judge Runnels open the sealed bids for asphalt emulsions for the calendar year 2019 paving season from:

- 1) Western States Asphalt Inc., Boise ID
- 2) Idaho Asphalt Supply, Nampa ID

Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, reviewed the bids and recommended Idaho Asphalt Supply Inc., Nampa, Idaho. Motion Commissioner Owens made a Motion to accept the bid by Idaho Asphalt Supply for asphalt emulsions for the calendar year 2019 paving season and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

US Department of the Interior – BLM regarding the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Protests)

Oregon Firearms Federation

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

April 23, 2019 (Tuesday)

May 8 and 22, 2019

Budget Meeting Schedule:

April 10, 2019, 1-4p

April 11, 2019, 10a-4p

April 22, 2019, 10a-4p

May 9, 2019, 10a-4p

Rural Community Visits:

Diamond/Frenchglen area; Frenchglen School gym, April 10, 2019, 6-7p

Fields area, School gym; May 8, 2019, 5:30-6:30p

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

Commissioner Owens discussed the budget process and budget meetings. In the last 5 years, the beginning fund balance has been projected and not accurate. The Court discussed immediate budgetary restrictions including implementation of mandatory furlough days, insurance review, cuts to materials and supplies, and further review of essential offices/departments. Further discussion will take place during budget committee meetings.

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk