



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

August 20, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Eric Drushella, Supervisor; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; and Deanna Atwell, HR/Finance.

Public attending was Rick Paul.

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 Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 7, 2019 County Court session and Judge Runnels seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Letter of Interest, Harney County Natural Resources Committee (NRC)

Commissioner Owens reported he had reviewed the letters of interest from thirteen (13) respondents and spent time speaking with them individually. He recommended the following individuals for positions on the NRC: Kelly Edmondson, George Heinz, Cam Swisher, Wayne Smith, Fred Hellbusch, Dave Doman, Bill Wilbur, Keith Baltzor, and

one representative from the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center. Commissioner Owens made the Motion to approve Kelly Edmundson, George Heinz, Cam Swisher, Wayne Smith, Fred Hellbusch, Dave Doman, Bill Wilber Keith Baltzor, and one representative from the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Owens will be the County Court representative, and will contact all the candidates.

New Business

Erik Drushella – Application for Approval to Install a Culvert and/or Approach from a County Road

Erik Drushella, Harney County Roadmaster, reviewed the application by Jason Yob, Depcom Power Inc., and approved of the approach. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the approach application by Jason Yob, Depcom Power, Inc., and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Buck & Linda Taylor, Bargain and Sale Deed

County Court will discuss the process with Tim Colahan, County Counsel, and Dag Robinson, Harney County Clerk. Tabled until the next County Court meeting.

Resolution #2019-25; In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2019-12 for the Vacation of Streets Located in the Townsite of Crane, Oregon

The County Court reviewed and revised Resolution #2019-12. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-25 (CJ2019-129) In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2019-12 for the Vacation of Streets Located in the Townsite of Crane OR, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #2019-87-Establishing Criminal History Record Check policies concerning Applicants for Employment and Appointing Volunteers

The County Court and Deanna Atwell, HR/Finance, discussed the Ordinance #2019-87 Establishing Criminal History Record Check Policies Concerning Applicants for Employment and Appointment Volunteers. The County Court will consult with Tim Colahan, County Counsel, and table the Ordinance until the next County Court meeting.

Review of Water Use Requests

Commissioner Owens reviewed the Water Use Requests.

Correspondence

Malheur National Forest Service Emigrant Creek Ranger District Sealed bids GH DxD Sale Termination Date for the sale is 8/28/2022

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Budget Review:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

Set rural meetings at the next County Court meeting

Late Items

Judge Runnels discussed the contract with Greg Smith, Harney County Economic Development.

Commissioner Dorroh will be attending the Early Learning Hub meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019. One topic on the agenda is to draft a letter of support to move the hub's backbone from the County to ESD.

Commissioner Dorroh discussed the Public Health/Rural Health Clinic (RHC) meeting. The County Court approved a private sale of the RHC without request for proposal and a fair market value analysis with right of first refusal to Dr. Laiosa. Judge Runnels is searching for someone to complete the fair market value analysis of the RHC.

Congressman Walden townhall meeting on August 29, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, the County Court adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk