



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

July 17, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; and Angie Lamborn, Senior Center.

Public attending was George Heinz, Jim Campbell, Dennis Davis, Lynn McClintock, Harney County Park & Rec; Becky Cunningham, Rimrock Recycling; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; and Rhonda Karges, BLM.

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 July 3, 2019 County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Lynn McClintock, Harney County Park & Rec, discussed a public health issue in which they are finding used syringes at the Lottery Lane area of the Harney Nature Trail. Law enforcement has been called to dispose of syringe but the public is never to pick them up. The Harney County Health Department has a syringe exchange program and she suggested better advertisement of this program to encourage individuals to use it. Judge Runnels discussed stopping vehicles from being able to go into these areas as well, and he suggested they discuss this issue with the Harney County Park & Rec

Board to present a letter of request to the Court. There have been instances of overnight camping and dumping of trash in these areas as well. Judge Runnels reported that signage should be going up after discussing it with Eric Drushella, Roadmaster. To reduce the speed limit, it takes a study from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and there is a concern that with the number of cars that use Airport Lane it may not lower the speed limit. The current speed limit is 55 but nothing is currently posted. Judge Runnels also requested Eric Drushella speak to the companies that have trucks that travel on Airport Lane to reduce their speed and use of air brakes.

Becky Cunningham gave an update on Rimrock Recycling. A continuing problem is the availability of tracks to transport recycling materials. She discussed the issues with accepting plastics and conversion of the materials to asphalt and fuel. Commissioner Owens suggested a grant for a feasibility study to obtain the equipment to convert plastics but Becky does not have all the information on the process. Another suggestion was to speak to Harney County Economic Development. Becky also discussed the DEQ grant, the focus is community groups working with Rimrock to recycle. Rimrock is in need of funds for wages, tires and breaks for the forklift, and cardboard bins. Another need in the community is hauling of broken appliances for the elderly community members. Judge Runnels will approach the Harney County Parole/Probation Work Crew to haul appliances. Commissioner Owens will approach the Harney County Road Department as a resource for the maintenance of the forklift. Becky discussed the market for recyclables such as office paper, cardboard, twine, and electronics. Twine and electronics are marketable materials that companies will pay the freight for transport. Current transportation need is for metal and plastics.

Old Business

10:30 a.m. – Revisit the opening of bids for the new Senior Center Bus Barn

Angie Lamborn, Senior Center Director, reviewed the bids with Howard Palmer, Harney County Planning, and the bidders. Angie recommended accepting the bid from Phillip Sitz Construction. Commissioner Owens made Motion to accept the bid from Phillip Sitz Construction for the Senior Center Bus Barn as recommended by Angie Lamborn, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Order for Vacation of Roads Land in the Town Site of Crane

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Court Order Vacation of Streets in the town of Crane including Oregon Main Avenue, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Donaldson Avenue, Leland Street as described in Court Document #2019-12 (CJ2019-104), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-23 - Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) for Harney County, Approve Bylaws

County Court reviewed the NRAC Resolution #2019-23 and Bylaws. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-23 in the Matter of Establishing the Harney County Natural Resources Advisory Committee (CJ2019-105) and the Harney County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Bylaws (adopted July 17, 2019) (CJ2019-109), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. The Court has received three (3) letters of interest for appointment to the NRAC, and the deadline for submissions is August 5, 2019. The Court will review the letters at the next County Court meeting on August 7, 2019.

Resolution #2019-24 In the Matter of Transferring Appropriations within Public Health RHC Fund #245

Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2019-24. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-24 (CJ2019-106) In the Matter of Transferring Appropriations Within Public Health/RHC Fund #245, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-21, In the Matter of Home Health/Hospice Fund 251, clerical line correction

Bobbi Jo discussed Resolution #2019-21 In the Matter of Home Health/Hospice Fund #251, clerical line correction. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-21 In the Matter of Home Health/Hospice Fund #251, clerical line correction (CJ2019-107), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-22, In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-22 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition (CJ2019-108), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Owens and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, also discussed the addition of an administration fee associated with grants. Bobbi Jo Heany will provide a copy of the policy regarding administration fees.

Harney County Investment Policy – Harney County Treasurer

Bobbi Jo Heany discussed the Harney County Investment Policy. The policy was submitted to the Oregon State Treasury November 2018, and was approved in April, 2019. The Court asked that a revision date be added to the policy. The Court will discuss the best way to approve the Policy, either by a signature page or a resolution, with Tim Colahan, County Counsel. The Court tabled approval of the Harney County Investment Policy until the next County Court meeting on August 7, 2019.

Renewal Notification Process – Liquor Licenses

Judge Runnels discussed the Oregon Liquor Control Commission renewal notification process for businesses in Harney County which include Alvord Hot Springs, Crane Store & Café, Frenchglen Hotel and Mercantile, Hotel Diamond, Oard's, Rile Store & Archery, Round Barn Visitor Center, Fields Station, and The Narrows. The Court will have the Harney County Sheriff review these businesses and advise the Court. The Court will discuss at the next Harney County Court meeting on August 7, 2019.

Harney County Groundwater Study Advisory Committee Member recommendation approval

The Court received a letter of interest from Carey Goss to fill the open position on the Harney County Groundwater Study Advisory Committee. Commissioner Dorroh made Motion to appoint Carey Goss to the Harney County Groundwater Study Advisory Committee, and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

Malheur National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions Summer 2019

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Late Items

Commissioner Dorroh advised the Court of a commercial developer who is interested in doing a project in Harney County while living outside of the area. Commissioner Dorroh and the Harney County Economic Development organized a “pre-design” meeting with the City Managers and Planners, a City Planning Commission member, County Planning, public works representative, Fire Chief, and building inspector. It was a very positive experience and something that needs to be encouraged for the future. Additional topics of discussion included funds budgeted for economic development with Gregory Smith & Company, TVCC/Small Business Development Center work being done by Harney County Economic Development.

Stepping Up Summit July 19-21, 2019. Public safety conference focused on interconnected issues such as incarceration, mental health and medical services, re-entry into the community, and prevention.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk