



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

June 5, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Eric Drushella, Road Department; and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer.

Public attending was Rick Paul, Dennis Davis, Rhonda Karges, 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 Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 22, 2019 County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Commissioner Dorroh gave an update on the Construction Contractors Board training in Burns on June 3, 2019.

Commissioner Owens discussed the lawsuit filed on a BLM allotment. The Judge issued a temporary restraining order ceasing grazing as of June 7, 2019. The County will continue to assist the BLM on this lawsuit.

Judge Runnels gave an update on the PTAC (Public Transportation Advisory Committee) and SEACT (Southeast Area Commission on Transportation) meetings.

New Business

Discussion/Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT) Formula Adjustment

Commissioner Owens discussed the Proposed Resolution on Amendments to PILT Side B Funding – Establishing a Minimum. Proposed minimum of \$0.38 for each acre of “entitlement land” within the unit of government. AOC then NACO

Approval in the Matter of Distribution of Sale of County Land Fund #687 County Court Order

Bobbi Jo Heany, Harney County Treasurer, discussed the County Court Order in the Matter of Distribution of Sale of County Land Fund. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve the Court Order in the Matter of Distribution of Sale of County Land Funds (**CJ2019-76**), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation of Property Taxes; ORS 311.790

Judge Runnels discussed the Court Order in the Matter of Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes, uncollectable personal property taxes in the amount of \$262.72. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Court Order in the Matter of Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes per ORS 311.790 in the amount of \$262.72 (**CJ2019-77**), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Commissioner Owens discussed the Water Use Requests.

ORS 192.660 Executive sessions permitted (2) the governing body of a public body may hold an executive session: (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

Correspondence

US Department of Interior, BLM Malheur Field Office initiated inventory and monitoring to inform OR/WA standards and guidelines for the Cow Lakes project area

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

June 19, 2019, 9:15 a.m.

Budget Meeting Schedule:

June 12, 2019, 3:30 p.m. Approval of Budget

June 19, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Adopt Budget, Levy Tax and Cater

Hearing for Vacation of Roads Land in the townsite of Crane:

July 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Late Items

The Harney County Library is sponsoring three (3) focus group sessions to discuss the strategic planning for future library services on June 26, 2019, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the Central Hotel and June 27, 9:00 -11:00 a.m., at the Harney County Senior Center.

Judge Runnels discussed the letter regarding the proceeds from the 4H sale at the 2017 Harney County Fair in the amount of \$24,131.57. The funds have not been turned over to the Fat Stock Fund as previously agreed upon. Commissioner Owens will contact Ms. Ketscher regarding this issue prior to signing and sending this letter. The topic will be addressed at the next County Court meeting.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

County Court recessed at 10:35 a.m., and reconvened for Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. There being no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk