



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

August 7, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 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, Roadmaster.

Public attending was Rick Paul, Herb Vloedman, George Heinz, Barbara Cannady, Cara Wilber, Oster Professional Group; Denise Rose and Greg Smith, Harney County Economic Development; Harmony Burrigh and Justin Iverson, Oregon Water Resources Department; and Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald.

Work Session 9:15 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 Owens made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the July 17, 2019 County Court session and Commissioner Dorroh seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Happy Birthday to Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald!

Herb Vloedman discussed budget and funds. He requested the Court to add in the fund names so they can be more easily identified. Mr. Vloedman also asked about the status regarding contacting the State of Oregon for an audit. Judge Runnels will be meeting with the Oregon Secretary of State's auditors on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Old Business

10:30 a.m. – Revisit Renewal Notification Process-Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) Liquor Licenses

Sheriff Ward reviewed the liquor license applicant list and saw no issue with any of the applicants. Commissioner Owens made motion to approve the OLCC liquor license renewals for Harney County, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

10:00 am – Greg Smith, Harney County Economic Development (HCED) Quarterly Update

Greg Smith and Denise Rose, Harney County Economic, gave the Court their quarterly update. Topics of discussion included: 1) making contact with local business a particular focus in August; 2) Community Response Team (CRT) monthly meetings; 3) donation of Greg Smith's time in light of the Harney County budget challenges; 4) appreciation of the hard work by Denise Rose while Greg Smith has been in Salem; and 5) Small Business Development Center (SBDC), TVCC, HCED, and County Court dialogue regarding services to Harney County Businesses. Judge Runnels discussed targeted outreach by HCED regarding a furniture store opportunity in Harney County. HCED will be adding a paid intern for a 90-day period to learn about entrepreneurship.

Harney County Fair letter of resignation from current board member

The Court discussed the letter of resignation from Jackie Smith, Harney County Fairboard. The Court will advertise for two (2) board members after the 2019 Harney County Fair. Judge Runnels will discuss the process of appointing a board member for Jackie Smith's position with County Counsel. The Court also recognized a letter of interest for the Harney County Fairboard. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to accept the resignation of Jackie Smith from the Harney County Fairboard, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. The Court recognized Jackie Smith for all her hard work on the Harney County Fairboard.

Review and open Request for Proposal (RFP) 2019-2021 Audit Packets

The Court opened and reviewed the one (1) RFP for the 2019-2021 Harney County audit services. The RFP was from Oster Professional Group, Burns, Oregon. Cara Wilber, Oster Professional Group, provided information and answered questions from the Court. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to accept the Proposal for Municipal Auditing Services by Oster Professional Group for Harney County, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Letters of interest to serve on the Harney County Natural Resource Committee (NRC)

The County Court received numerous letters of interest from individuals seeking to serve on the Harney County NRC. The Court discussed the selection process and will meet with those interested and make nominations at the next County Court meeting.

Resignation Letter, Ted Tiller, Harney County Assessor/Tax Collector

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to accept the resignation of Ted Tiller, Harney County Assessor/Tax Collector, and seconded by Commission Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Order Approving Sale of County Land, 857 West Taylor Street, Burns

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Order Approving Petition for County Land Sale #1385 (Policy #3) (**CJ2019-117**), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Sprecher Group Report, 1359 South Court Avenue, Woods Property, Burns

The Court discussed the Sprecher Group Pre-Demolition Asbestos Survey Letter Report on the Woods Property, 1359 S. Court Avenue, Burns. Judge Runnels is waiting for a response the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality regarding the next steps in the clean-up process. The Court will review the report and discuss at the next County Court meeting.

11:00 a.m. – Harmony Burrignt and Justin Iverson, Placed Based Water Planning/Groundwater Study

Justin Iverson provided the Court with the Harney Basin Groundwater Study and Community Based Planning Update dated August 7, 2019, and gave an informal overview and reviewed maps.

Harmony Burrignt updated the Court on the Community Based Water Planning.

Road Naming Application, 2019 Gary Travis Crane Buchanan Road

The Court reviewed the 2019 Road Naming Application from Gary and Heather Travis. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Road Naming Application of Travis Lane (**CJ2019-118**), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

USDA, Forest Service, Malheur National Forest – Government Contract Asst. Program/GCAP

USDA, Forest Service, Malheur National Forest – Environmental Analysis process to establish Herd Management Area Plan for wild horses in the Murderer’s Creek Wild Horse Joint Management Area

USDA, Forest Service, Malheur National Forest – Department of Agriculture, Forest Plan Revision

Water Resources Department – Harney Basin Quarterly & Synoptic Well Owners & Interested Parties; Jerry Grondin, OWRD Hydrologist, Quarterly Groundwater Level Measurements at Selected Wells Scheduled for August 12-16, 2019 Burns Staff & August 19-23 Salem Staff

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, the County Court adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk