

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING
January 20, 2010

→The Harney County Court convened January 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Grasty's office. Members attending were, Judge Steven E. Grasty and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Jack Drinkwater. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor and County Clerk, Maria Iturriaga.

→Public attending were, Debbie Raney, Burns Times Herald and Len Vohs, Burns Mayor.

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

→Financial and Statistical reports were reviewed and vouchers' approved by court's signature.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the January 6 county court meeting minutes. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Mary Ausmus was in attendance to request that a log be kept of those people who take county vehicles home to log in where they go and keep account of mileage. Also send those individuals 1099 for tax purposes as that is an additional benefit. Judge Grasty responded that individuals who take county owned vehicles home are those at are on call all the time, such as law enforcement and probation and parole personnel, however will take a look at this issue.

→Patty Dorroh, Director of the Commission on Children and Families was present with the 2009/2011 Partnership Agreement with Oregon Commission on Children and Families. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to authorize Judge Grasty to sign the agreement as recommended. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→John Copenhaver, Juvenile Department Director was present requesting the approval of the Harney County Crime Prevention Plan in order for the process to continue on to the Commission on Children & Families for their approval. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the Crime Prevention Plan as recommended. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court had a brief discussion in regards to Recovery Zone Bonds which is a new type of bond created by Congress. It was the consensus of the court to decline and not pursue any bond.

→The court discussed the renewal contract for Network, PC, AS400 Support and Maintenance with ATS-AccTech Solutions. Judge Grasty made a motion to approve the

renewal contract for IT support and maintenance between ATS-AccTech Solutions and Harney County for 2010. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Mark Maliwauki, Economic Development Director was in attendance with an economic overview. He stated that the main focus at the present should be on wind industry. However he stated that several exciting opportunities in the works with some very solid future opportunities to bring family wage jobs and a new industry to the County. (Written update can be reviewed at the Clerk's office)

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to re-appoint Pete Runnels to the budget board for a three year term ending in 2013. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court discussed the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs request for proposals to site a Veterans' Home. Judge Grasty and Guy McKay, Veterans Officer will inquire further into this to see if somehow a proposal can be put together.

→Guy McKay, Harney County Veterans Officer presented an update of his work with the Harney County veterans.

→The court had a discussion regarding the North Steens Transmission Line Environmental Impact Study. Judge Grasty would like to have the Planning Commission involved to look at the two options set forth. It was the consensus of the court to have more conversation with Chris Crowley and Ron Yockim in regards to this issue.

→The court convened into executive session for the purpose of legal litigation at 11:50 a.m. The court reconvened into regular session at 12: 05 p.m. No action taken.

→The court had a general discussion on the budget variables faced with for the upcoming year, e.g. salaries.

→Public Notices of Water Use Requests from Oregon Water Resources Department were reviewed by the court. No objections expressed by the court to any of the requests.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10. A worksession will be held in regards to VA proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk

