

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING

December 16, 2009

In a pre-County Court meeting, beginning at 9 a.m., the Court met via conference call with Commissioner Ken Kestner and Building Official/Inspector Tony West of Lake County to discuss a partnership between Lake and Harney Counties for inspections related to the DEQ Onsite Septic program. Those attending were Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Jack Drinkwater, Harney County Planning Director Brandon McMullen, County Court Secretary Sharon Johnson and Debbie Raney of the Burns Times Herald.

At 10:00 a.m. the Harney County Court convened for its regularly scheduled County Court meeting in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioner Jack Drinkwater, Commissioner Nichols was excused to attend a funeral. Also attending were Planning Director Brandon McMullan, Road Supervisor Eric Drushella, Public Health Director Cheryl Keniston, and County Court Secretary Sharon Johnson. Public attending were Cody Hodges, Community Health Improvement Project Coordinator, Watershed Council Coordinator Karen Moon and Debbie Raney of the Burns Times Herald.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the December 9, 2009 minutes as mailed, Judge Grasty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

Judge Grasty informed those attending about the conference call that was held at 9 a.m. with Lake County.

Karen Moon, Watershed Council Coordinator, was present to discuss several Council membership appointments. Judge Grasty made a motion to appoint Chris Pratt to a newly created "At Large" position and to re-appoint Jerry Rank, Jason Fenton, Glen Hudspeth and Bill Renwick; Commissioner Drinkwater seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Cheryl Keniston, Public Health Director, and Cody Hodges, Community Health Improvement Project Coordinator, were present to discuss a Planning Committee for the School Based Health Center. A list of 16 names was presented to the County Court for approval. Judge Grasty made a motion to appoint the 16 people listed, Commissioner Drinkwater seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Judge Grasty noted that Senator Wyden introduced a new bill specific to east side logging. He commented that the Court needs to watch the bill and be involved.

Peter Lawson, Branch Coordinator of the SE Oregon Regional Food Bank, who was scheduled to appear at 1 p.m. cancelled due to inclement weather. He will reschedule for a later date.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Johnson,
County Court Secretary