

**Harney County Court Meeting
February 4, 2009**

- The Harney County Court convened February 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Grasty's office. Members present 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 Ron Yockim, Attorney.
- Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the January 21 minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Financial and Statistical reports were reviewed and vouchers' paid by court's signature.
- Judge Grasty informed the court that Harney County had received \$3,283,543.78 payment from the Secured Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (Forest Receipts). Monies received will be divided 75% to the public road fund and 25% to the public school fund. Also \$38,154.00 for Title III projects was received.
- The court discussed a draft resolution regarding Harney County's support of the development of renewable energy resources. The resolution will be edited and will be addressed at the next county court meeting where action will be taken.
- The court reviewed an application from Richard E. Brady for an approach off of Anderson Valley Rd. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the application. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The court acknowledged a letter of authorization from Joan Suther, BLM Andrews Resource Area Field Manager, to construct snow berms along the Long Hollow Road so that in winter emergency situations, the Harney County Road Department will be able to keep the travel way open and provide for public safety.
- Doug Gochnour, Forest Supervisor and Jennifer Harris from the Malheur Forest were in attendance to discuss the "State of the Region" report summarizing goals and objectives accomplishments within the Forest Service Region 6 and also discuss travel planning and the near final draft Motor Vehicle Use Map. Mr. Gochnour stated that it will be up to the user to have a Malheur Forest map, which is nearly done, and when completed will only show roads that are open.
- A hearing regarding the Penland Rd. Legalization convened at 2:00 p.m.

→Present at the hearing were the county court members, Ron Yockim, Attorney for Harney County, Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor, Sheriff David Glerup, County Clerk, Maria Iturriaga and a number of general public(a complete list can be obtained at the clerk's office)

→Judge Grasty read ORS 368.201 basis for legalization of roads.

→Those providing testimony were; Eric Drushella, Harney County Road Dept. Supervisor, who presented the report, Harney County Sheriff David Glerup, Skip Renschler, BLM Realty Specialist, Gordon Mallon, Attorney, representing George Stromple landowner, Kerry Landers, former Harney County Road Supervisor, Amy Blair Streck, Larry Sullivan, Attorney, representing John and Cheryl Williams, landowners, Phil Olson, and Cheryl Williams, landowners.

→Written objections to the legalization were received and entered for the record from John Randall, Princeton, Jerry Hurt, Andrews and Larry Sullivan, Attorney representing John and Cheryl Williams, landowners.

→The hearing recessed at 4:05 p.m. The record will be left open and written testimony may be submitted until March 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Decision on this matter will be made March 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. (Recording of the hearing can be obtained at the Clerk's office).

→There being no further business the county court meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk