

**HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING
MARCH 2, 2010**

→The Harney County Court convened March 2, 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, County Clerk, Maria Iturriaga, Ted Tiller, Assessor, Nellie Franklin, Treasurer and LaDene Hurd were in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

→Public attending were, Herb Vloedman, Kim Tiller, Len Vohs, Mark Maliwauki and Jesse Barnes.

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the February 17 county court minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

→The court discussed the offers from Roaring Springs Ranch on two parcels of land that were brought to auction and not sold. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to table discussion until next county court meeting. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Jesse Barnes, Harney County Weed Coordinator, was in attendance to present CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Agreement) Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to sign the CWMA Memorandum of Understanding for 5 more years. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Barnes also gave seasonal report, CWMA overview and a weed board update. She stated that there will be a free spray day again this year which was very successful last year.

→Judge Grasty made a motion to accept the LGPI study as presented. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty informed the court that Extension Service is in trouble with state funding which in turn has required them to reduce operating budgets by 15%.

→Ted Tiller, Assessor, was in attendance to request the court sign an Intergovernmental agreement between Polk County acting on behalf of the ORCATS PARTNERS and a Personal Services Contract for Computer Services between Harney County and Helion Software, Inc. for new Assessment & Tax software. Mr. Tiller stated that this move is being dictated by the current supplier who has notified the county that they are not going to support the current software. He stated that the new software conversion will be a 2 year process however during the conversion process the current provider will support the

current software. It was the consensus of the court to wait and take action on the contracts at the next county court meeting, March 17 in order to have some questions answered by Helion CEO who will be here next week.

→The court was to discuss the Steens Mountain Advisory council membership however the court has not been provided with the current list of members and terms.

→An open forum with Peter Lawson, Branch Coordinator, SE Oregon Regional Food Bank regarding service delivery from the Oregon Food Bank to Harney County was held in the downstairs meeting room where a number of individuals attended. After a very lengthy discussion it was the consensus that Harney County needs a single community wide program to oversee the delivery of products from the Oregon Food Bank. A Harney County model will be developed to present to the Oregon Food Bank.

→In The Matter of Resolution #2010-02, In Support of the Formation of a Regional Micro Enterprise Assistance Program and a Grant Application to Lane MicroBusiness was reviewed. Mark Maliwauki explained that this renews the previous resolution. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-02. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Chris Siegner, Director of Harney Behavioral Health, was in attendance to seek approval of the biennial Implementation Plan. Judge Grasty made a motion to approve the biennial Implementation Plan. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court reviewed public notice of water use requests from Oregon Water Resources Department. There were no objections expressed by the court.

→The court convened into executive session at 1:50 p.m. in accordance to ORS 192.660 (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. They re-convened into regular session at 1:58 p.m. No action taken.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk