

**HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2009**

→The Harney County Court convened August 5, 2009 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.

→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 July 15 court minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty informed the court that the sage grouse and energy development issues are on the ODFW agenda for their meeting on Friday, August 7. He also commented on the \$5 million grant for a wood pellet facility which is to be sited in Harney or Grant Counties or both. Judge Grasty expressed concerns regarding the availability of enough supply to keep the facility open on a sustainable basis.

→Cheryl Keniston, Health Department Director and Cody Hodges, Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Coordinator, were present to request the court's approval in a grant application in the amount of \$30,000 for a feasibility study and then \$60,000 a year for School-Based Health Centers. It was the consensus of all that it needs to be a sustainable project with a long term benefit to the community and might be integrated with the mobile rural health clinic. This clinic would focus on prevention and healthy choices on our community youth. Patty Dorroh suggested that vision and hearing screenings should also be part of this project. By consensus the court agreed to move forward on the grant application.

→Mrs. Keniston also discussed the immunization administration fee schedule. She requested that a charge of the vaccine be \$30 with a sliding fee scale. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve a cost of \$30 for vaccine using the sliding fee scale as presented. There was further discussion, the cost analysis provided by Ms. Keniston showed that it cost the Health Department \$40.76. Commissioner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Jesse Barnes, Harney County Weed Control Coordinator, was present with an update on the African Rue project.

→Len Vohs, City of Burns Mayor was in attendance to explain two requests from the City of Burns to provide, at a discounted rate, 140 yards of gravel to be used in the old bowling alley property and the area of cottonwood wayside located on Monroe St. (Hwy.78) and 135 yards of ¾ minus for the Burns Cemetery parking lot project. After discussion with Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor, it was the consensus of the court and Mr. Drushella, that they did not mind them granting it when they are doing crushing with the crusher.

→Judge Grasty explained a Memorandum of Understanding between Forest Service, USDA, Malheur National Forest; Umatilla National Forest; Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and Baker County, Grant County, Harney County, Morrow County, Umatilla County, Union County, Wallowa County, and Wheeler County, Oregon; and Asotin County, Columbia County, Garfield County and Walla Walla County, Washington for cooperating agency status regarding the Blue Mountain Forest Plan. Judge Grasty made a motion to sign the MOU. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Commissioner Nichols made a motion to sign the Appropriation of Funds in support of the OSU Extension Service. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court briefly discussed the Jane Project Scoping document. The court will submit comments supporting the project and follow current rules.

→Commissioner Nichols made a motion to sign the Software Maintenance Agreement between Harney County and ASI on the AS400. Judge Grasty seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court received a letter from the City of Hines and a Resolution from the City of Burns in support of County purchasing the LP Property.

→Public notice of water use requests from Oregon Water Resources Department were reviewed by the court. No objections were expressed by the court.

→The court, along with various members of the community met regarding the future of recycling. Desiree Taylor informed the court that Wayne Baron will not be a part of the non-profit when or if formed and he's done with 4R Recycling as well. He informed the board that he will go on his own. Rod and Karen Dinsmore, C&B proprietors, were in attendance with a proposal for Recycling, whereas they will purchase a 30 yard Recycle Box for co-mingle recycling and provide a 30 yard box for cardboard. The boxes should arrive at C&B site in about three weeks. These would be placed outside their fenced facility so the public has 24-7 availability. The co-mingle will consist of news print, computer paper, craft paper, magazines, plastic bottles, tin cans and milk jugs. NO GLASS. After discussion all thought it was generous of them to offer 24-7 service but were discouraged from offering the 24-7 as they all thought that unattended boxes would

probably be used for illegal trash dumping. David Glerup, Sheriff, offered the community service individuals to man the site, however this will require scheduling. After a long discussion it was the consensus of the court to let the use of the building to the non-profit for recycling purposes. The details of the agreement will be worked out at a later date. C&B and the non-profit volunteers will coordinate and work in conjunction with each other where the volunteers will sort the recycling items at the county's facility. Astrid Alexander requested funds to start the process of organization for non-profit status. The court felt that tax payer funds could not be used, however many of the members of the community attending and members of the court contributed their own personal funds. Obtaining the non-profit status will be about a six week process. Mr. Baron will have to clean up the building and surrounding area in that time. The court requested that the community be informed as to what is taking place.

→Patty Dorroh, Commission on Children and Families Director, Mickey Lansing, Director of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, Dick Withnell, State Commissioner, Oregon Commission on Children and Families and Peg VanderZanden, Eastern Oregon Coordinator for Children and Families from Enterprise, were in attendance to discuss Commission issues. Commissioner Nichols thanked them for allowing minimum grants or core funding, allowing a waiver from the 2 FTE requirements, letting Harney County resolve issues allowing greatest flexibility as not one size fits all.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned 3:20 at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC  
Harney County Clerk