

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING

September 3, 2008

The Harney County Court convened on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Jack Drinkwater. Also attending were Road Supervisor Kerry Landers, County Clerk Maria Iturriaga, County Treasurer Nellie Franklin, LaDene Hurd Data Processing and Sharon Johnson County Court Secretary.

Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the August 20, 2008 minutes as mailed, Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

LaDene Hurd requested that the Court change the October County Court meeting dates from October 1st and 15th to October 8th and 22nd. After a short discussion the Court agreed to meet on the 8th and 22nd in October.

County Clerk Maria Iturriaga was present to update the Court on a voter registration issue that came up recently. She assured the Court that the Clerk's Office had investigated the issue thoroughly, including the State database, and found that the issue was not due to an error in the Clerk's Office.

Dan Jordan of Steens Mountain Insurance was available to explain the County's insurance coverage. The Court reviewed documents provided by Mr. Jordan and discussed the coverage at length.

Kerry Landers, Road Supervisor, informed the Court that he would be retiring on January 1, 2009. The Court expressed their appreciation for all Mr. Landers has done over the past 38 years. The Court agreed to get a job announcement out as soon as possible. Discussion followed.

Judge Grasty informed the Court that the Directors of several State Departments will be in Harney County the evening of October 6 and all day on the 7th for an economic development tour of the area.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Malheur National Forest Travel Management Plan. No action was taken.

The Court then discussed a Memorandum of Agreement between Harney County and the Crane High School District No. UH1J in the matter of the County

permitting the School District the use of 20 feet of the Clyde Street right-of-way. The Agreement stipulates that the School District agrees: a) to remove all items from the permitted 20 feet of the right-of-way within 30 days upon request of the County; and b) to construct no permanent structures in the right-of-way. Judge Grasty made a motion to sign the MOA, Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously. The Agreement will be sent to the Crane School Board for their approval.

The Court reviewed the job announcement for the Prevention Program Manager position made available due to the receipt of the Drug Free Communities grant.

There were no comments on Water Use Requests.

The Court recessed at 11:35 and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for an executive session. No action was taken.

There being no further business Court was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully

Sharon Johnson
Secretary, Harney County Court