

**HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2009**

→The Harney County Court convened January 21, 2009 at 9:00 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 Maria Iturriaga, Clerk.

→Public attending were, Sam Kaiser, Debbie Raney and Barbara Cannady.

→Judge Grasty led all in the pledge of allegiance.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the January 7 minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

→The court along with County Planner Brandon McMullen, Stan Foster and Brent Lake Land Use Consultants had a worksession and broad discussion regarding updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. No action taken and continuation of the hearing updates will be this afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

→Ann Lessar, Senior Center Director was present to inform the court that the Senior Center has been approved for disaster emergency site however they need to purchase a back up propane generator. She informed the court that \$9,650 has been received from Harney County Home Health however she was requesting approximately \$10,000 from the county as bid received exceeds the amount received from Home Health. The court requested that Mrs. Lessar get additional bids and get more information.

→Sam Kaiser, congratulated the court on their efforts dealing with county issues. He expressed his concern over locking up logging and adding more wilderness.

→Patty Dorroh, Harney County Commission on Children and Families Director, was in attendance to request approval of budget Resolution #2009-02. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve and sign the resolution In The Matter Of Transferring Appropriations Within A Fund, transferring \$50,236.00 in appropriations from the Materials and Supplies Category to the Salaries and Wages category. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Mrs. Dorroh, requested the court sign a signature form, which is required, to approve legal and supporting documents for the Commission on Children and Families. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to sign the signature authorization form. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty updated the court regarding the recent Association of Oregon Counties meeting. He shared a copy of Legislative Committee appointments for the court's information. He also updated the court on the situation at Klamath and Lake Counties regarding Federal Workforce Investment Act funds. He stated the issue has been resolved with the state and is expected it will also be resolved at the Federal level as well.

→Judge Grasty informed the court that NACO conference will be held March 7 through 11th in Washington D.C. He stated that at least one of the court members should attend.

→The court reviewed the scheduling for tonight which includes the Strategic Investment Program hearing at 7:00 p.m.

→Judge Grasty stated that the Department of Energy's Energy Facility Siting Council meeting will be held in The Dalles on Friday, January 23.

→The Harney Malheur Community Action Agency (HMCAA) meeting will be held January 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Basement Meeting Room.

→Oregon Solution Collaborative meeting will be held January 29, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room.

→The court reviewed public notice of water use requests from Oregon Water Resources Department. No objections expressed by the court to any of the requests.

→The worksession regarding updates to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances which convened earlier this morning continued at 11:15 a.m. No action taken.

→Continuation of the hearing on the technical update to the Zoning Ordinance and the Sub-division Ordinance convened at 1:35 p.m. Attending other than the court were Brandon McMullen, Brent Lake, Brandon McMullen, Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor, Len Vohs, Burns Mayor, Debra Flynt-Garrett and Maria Iturriaga, Clerk. There was some discussion and clarifications. Hearing closed at 1:50 p.m.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve two times Ordinance #2009-65 In The Matter of Amending The Harney County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 5) And Harney County Subdivision and Partitioning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 6) To Incorporate Numerous Clerical, Grammatical, and Technical Improvements to be read two times by title only. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court presented Kerry Landers with an appreciation plaque for his many years of outstanding service to Harney County as the road supervisor. Mr. Landers retired at the end of 2008 with over 38 years of service.

→There was bid opening of a Motor Grader at 2:00 p.m. the following bids were received;

Western States CAT-----\$181,737 with trade
Volvo-----\$183,658 with trade
John Deere PAPE-----\$196,630 with trade
After reviewing the bids Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor recommended to accept the low bid submitted by Western States CAT. Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to accept the low bid of Western CAT for the amount of \$181,737 with trade as recommended. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court will convene into a executive session as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions at 5:00 p.m. no action will be taken.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk