

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MINUTES
JULY 16, 2008

→The Harney County Court convened July 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Grasty's office. Members attending were, Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Jack Drinkwater. Also attending were, Kerry Landers, Road Supervisor and County Clerk, Maria Iturriaga.

→Public attending were, Randy Parks, from the Burns Times Herald and Len Vohs.

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the July 2 county court minutes as mailed. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty informed the court that he and Kerry Landers had opened the single Asphalt bid which was received July 2. It was Mr. Lander's recommendation to reject the bid as it was too high. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the recommendation of the road supervisor and reject the single bid. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty updated the court on the Blue Mountain Forest Plan and Senator Wyden's Forest proposal at which Judge Grasty has deep concerns. Discussion followed. No action taken.

→Resolution #2008-16. In The Matter of Appropriating Funds Due To Unexpected Occurrence or Condition in Harney County Fund #222, Special Transit Fund. This is new funding for vehicle maintenance for the transit vehicle operated by the Harney County Senior and Community Services Center. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to sign and approve the Resolution. Commissioner Drinkwater seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→The court briefly discussed the county's mileage rate for employees traveling on official county business. It was the consensus of the court to leave it as it currently applies.

→The court reviewed the 2007-2008 year end report which provided all the current fund and bank account balances.

→Judge Grasty noted a letter he had received from the BLM regarding the road closures with Egly Complex fires in which he was informed that the need for the closure may well have ceased and a discussion considering lifting the closure is in order, therefore

Judge Grasty was invited to take part in the discussion. The court agreed there is a need to get these roads re-opened.

→Judge Grasty informed the court that an interactive webcast is scheduled regarding an introduction to Carbon Cap and Trade for local government officials on July 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

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

→Mark Maliwauki, County Business Development Coordinator was in attendance with the monthly economic development update.

→There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iturriaga, CCC
Harney County Clerk