



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County  
Minutes of the County Court Session***

***March 22, 2017***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Harney County Roadmaster; Rick Paul, Harney County Fair Manager; Brandon McMullen, Harney County Planning Director; Joey Lucas, Harney County District Attorney; Angie Temple, Harney County District Attorney's Office; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Jeff Rose, BLM; Lindy Williams, Burns Times Herald; Shana Withee, Dustin Johnson, Willie Riggs, and Lindsey Shirley, OSU Extension; and Barbara Cannady.

**Work Session 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Voucher Approval**

The Court reviewed accounts payables, signed checks, and approved the vouchers by Court signature.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None

## Old Business

None

## New Business

### 1:00 p.m., Shana Withee, Willie Riggs, Dustin Johnson, & Lindsey Shirley, OSU Extension

Shana Withee made introductions to the Court. Discussion included the “open campus” model.

### Signing of an Order of Continuation for Resolution #2017-02 in the Matter of an Emergency Declaration

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Order of Continuation of Resolution #2017-02 (CJ2017-52), In the Matter of Continuing an Emergency Declaration for Harney County, Oregon, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### 1:30 p.m., Comp Plan Amendment public hearing

Brandon McMullen discussed the Comprehensive Plan Policy Statement that incorporates the people of Harney County. The Court proposed a change of language: “economic, energy, environmental, **social and cultural heritage aspects of Harney County**.” Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Policy Statement with changes made, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Brandon McMullen will draft an ordinance and present it to the Court for approval at the next County Court session on April 5, 2017. The Court closed the public hearing at 1:45 p.m.

### Planning Director, Brandon McMullen, with a proposal for a fee schedule update, Energy Facilities

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to change the Harney County Planning Department Fee Schedule to read “Commercial Energy Generation Facility” instead of “Wind Energy Facility,” and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Brandon McMullen will draft a resolution and present it to the Court for approval at the next County Court session on April 5, 2017.

### Review and Signing of Resolution #2017-04 In the Matter of Authorizing in the Harney County District Attorney to Represent the State’s Interest in Civil Commitment Proceedings

Angie Temple discussed the need for this resolution in order for the District Attorney’s Office to obtain information and records from the e-Court system. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2017-04 (CJ2017-53), In the Matter of Authorizing the Harney County District Attorney to Represent the State’s Interest in Civil Commitment Proceedings, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

**Correspondence**

BLM, Vale District – Soda Fire Fuel Breaks

Oster Professional Group – Audit letter

**Scheduling**

Drewsey Public Hearing, Drewsey School, March 22, 2017, 5 to 7:00 p.m.

**Late Items**

**General Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)**

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the Court adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston  
Deputy Clerk