



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

***May 3, 2017***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Road Department; Deanna Atwell, Finance/HR; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director; Angie Lamborn, Senior Center; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Tara Thissell, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; and Barbara Cannady.

**Work Session 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.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 April 19, 2017 County Court meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Rick Paul discussed the public meeting with Representative Greg Walden on May 9, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. It will take place at the Harney County Fairgrounds and there will be no fee for the use of the facilities, as per County policy.

## **Old Business**

### **Flood issues**

Judge Runnels updated the Court on a recent meeting with LCDC and Scott Fairley from the Governor's Office to address the levee system. Topics included ownership of the levee; options to address failings of the levee; feasibility study and funding; highway, culvert, and bridge issues; self-insurance to be discussed at a future County Court meeting; and installation of temporary water flow gauges.

## **New Business**

### **Consideration of a request to donate County property to the Senior Center under ORS 275.090(2) and setting of a public hearing in the matter**

Angie Lamborn, Senior Center, discussed the donation of County property to the Senior Center. The Senior Center is in the process of establishing a LLC (Feathered Nest Properties) as part of their strategic plan to obtain additional income producing rental properties. This income will be used to fund the services the Senior Center provides to community and will give them the assets to start going out for grant funding for bigger new buildings such as a senior apartment complex. Angie Lamborn and the Court agreed to continue investigating the transfer of the property and the Court will schedule a public hearing in the near future.

### **Review of Water Use Requests**

## **Correspondence**

**Malheur National Forest – Schedule of Proposed Actions, Spring 2017**

**Oregon Dept. of Administrative Services – Review of Harney County's Single Audit**

## **Scheduling**

- Public Hearing in Crane – May 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Crane High School Staff Lounge
- Public Hearing in Fields – May 18, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fields School
- Budget Hearings – May 4 starting at 10:00 a.m. and May 10 starting at 10:30 a.m.
- County Court – May 17 at 9:15 a.m.

## **Late Items**

### **Approval of 2017 Fund Exchange Agreement #32138, 2017 Pine Creek Road Overlay Project**

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the 2017 Fund Exchange Agreement #32138 2017 Pine Creek Road Overlay Project, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Harney County Economic Development Job Description and Organization Focus**

The Court discussed the need for a job description for the Harney County Economic Development Coordinator. Judge Runnels has asked representatives from the City of Hines and Burns to also give input, and Commissioner Owens also asked for input from the Harney County Chamber of Commerce. Judge Runnels expects to see input from the Cities by the end of the month. The Court began the process to complete the job requirements. Commissioner Dorroh will generate a document to include the job requirements discussed and provide it to the Court.

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

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the County Court adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston  
Deputy Clerk