



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

April 18, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also, in attendance were Kerry Opie, County Court Assistant; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; and Cheryl Hancock, Library Director.

Public attending was Holly Orr, BLM; Lynn McClintoch, High Desert Park & Recreation; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; and Paul Hyland.

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 4, 2018, County Court session. Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion, with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

A request for a copy of the 2018 budget was requested and given out.

Old Business

911 Update - Postponed until next County Court meeting May 02, 2018.

Glen Adams (Richard Adams) Dump Site is noted and located in the purchase of lots. There is a separate document the Court received referencing the dump being part of the recording process previously.

New Business

Eric Camstad, USFS, Gravel Grinder Road Race

This project is supported by numerous community entities. This is our 2nd year. This is a 120-mile gravel grinder race route. We feel this brings diversify and economic opportunity to the community. The riders are blogging about the upcoming race, bike packing, and bike adventures, Noting, our area is geared to this type of opportunity. Would like to add on a trade show next year, making it longer than a weekend event. Local agency involvement is key. Ren cycles would be the future promotion backers. The local Law enforcement has been huge in providing support. I would like to request local involvement as it is needed. Local Contacts are; Mandy DaCrue, Chelsea Harrison and Eric Camstad. You can find out more on AdventureHarney.com The judge and commissioners will be helping on Saturday morning. They are hoping more County Staff will show up also. Eric is requesting help from school students. For more information the next meeting is April 24, 2018 @ 10 am.

Cheryl Hancock, Harney County Library, By-Laws

A handout was provided with the old by-laws so it can be compared to the new Library recommended by-laws which are in accordance with revised statutes. Commissioner Owens made the motion to approve the Harney County Library Advisory Board By-Laws. Commissioner Dorroh seconded motion passed unanimously

Travis Singhose Land Purchase Approval

Sheriff's sale: Travis Singhose was present for the sale of the property. There were no other potential buyers present. He stated at that time, he would be keeping his original bid offer. For Tax Role purposes the property will remain at real market value. Commissioner Owens made motion to approve the sale of tax lot #2200 and tax lot #2300 at his bid price submitted, Commissioner Dorroh seconded Harney County owned tax lot #2200 & #2300 approval to sell to Travis Singhose. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

11:00 a.m., Eric Drushella, Opening of Asphalt Bids

Received 3 bids

Albina \$418.60

Idaho asphalt \$438.00

Western States \$462.00

Eric Drushella, requested time to do some research prior to making a decision on the bids. Commissioner Owens moved to accept the Roadmaster's decision following his research. Commissioner Dorroh seconded. No further discussion the Motion passed unanimously.

Drought Emergency Management

Historically, we are at 59% average moisture in our basin. The State has classified this as moderate now but the forecast is to get worse. A Handout was submitted by Commissioner Owens for backing up the Motion made by Commissioner Dorroh to approve Resolution #2018-06 (CJ2018-46) Judge Runnels seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. A letter from Judge Runnels will be completed to notify the state.

Cinder Pit

The Cinder Pit was given to the county by the Arnold family. Initial plan was to let the county citizens use it. They can get a permit and a key to the gate from County Court Assistant. Allowed will be 500 yards per year to each private entity. A deposit of \$500.00 for the key is required and returned once the key is back to the County Court Assistant. Acknowledge of thanks to the Arnold family for their generous gift to the county.

Review of Water Use Requests

Nothing out of the ordinary.

Correspondence

RS 2477 Agreement will be signed with the BLM. This is similar to the agreement done on the OO road.

US Department of Agriculture, Malheur Emigrant Creek Ranger District, Prospect Bidder

US Department of Agriculture, Malheur National Forest, Timber Sales

Malheur National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions Spring 2018

BLM, nine (9) Mining Plans of Operations from mining claim holders in the Sunstone area: Coordinated through Lakeview office

The voice coming forward is the local contractors need to be able to bid. There is not the same opportunity for local contractors. The Open bid process will be updated on May 1, 2018.

We are asking for a more accomplished and completed understanding of what restoration is actually happening. Examples are the CHETCO Fire salvage 3% of the burn. Leaving the burn timber to waste and rot. There is too much being left. Suggestions were to fly a DRONE over the John Day Burn to see the waste. The value of timber goes down after one year following a fire.

Harney County Court scheduled Rural Meetings:

Fields April 30, 2018

Riley May 16, 2018

Budget Hearings:

April 19, 2018 10:00 a.m.

May 17, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Late Items

Vacant allotment meeting

Redband Trout Conservation Plan, at this time, let it be noted there has been no involvement from County Court and/or local involvement with the Fish & Wildlife Lead Person, Dave Banks, The County Court will make comments in the May 2, 2018 County Court Meeting.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Opie