



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

April 4, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy County Clerk; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; Deanna Atwell, HR/Finance Manager; and Brandon McMullen, Planning Director.

Public attending was Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Dan Ramirez, DHS District 14 Self-Sufficiency Program Manager; Wendy Hill, DHS District 14 District Manager; Chris Phillips, DHS District 14 Child Welfare Program Manager; Cara Wilber, Oster Professional Group; Lynn McClintock, Paul Hyland, Rob Frank, and Rick Paul.

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 March 14, 2018, County Court session. Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion, and with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Green House Lane Update

Judge Runnels discussed the Google routing issue in Harney County. He presented the Court with an e-mail received from Andrew Ladner from Google in which they have updated the road priorities for Greenhouse Lane, Hotchkiss Lane, Lottery Lane, Oil Well Road, Island Ranch Road, and Embree Bridge Road. Judge Runnels, Eric Drushella, and Bryce Mertz will continue to address these routing issues with other mapping entities.

New Business

Cara Wilber, Oster Professional, to present Harney County 2017 Audit

Cara Wilber, Oster Professional Group, discussed the Harney County 2017 Audit and presented the Court with two (2) letters related to the audit.

Appointment of Planning Commissioner Board Member Merle Reid

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to appoint Merle Reid to the Harney County Planning Commission with his term to end 6/30/2021, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) for Harney County

Commissioner Dorroh made Motion to appoint Jeff Sceirine (Harney County Director of Emergency Medical Services), Pete Runnels (Harney County Court – appointed on 3/14/2018), Sara Laiosa (Physician), Perrily Wells (EMT), Susan Doverspike (Harney District Hospital Board Member), Jerry Woodfin (Burns City Council), John Mimms (Hines City Council), Ryan DeLange (Law enforcement), Denise Rose (member of the public), and Stacie Rothwell (member of the public) to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) for Harney County, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. The members were appointed to a 2-year term.

Derrin Robinson, County Clerk, Corrected Land Sale Deed – Richard Adams

Tabled until the next County Court session on April 18, 2018.

Approval of Ratifying By-Laws for Harney County Planning Commission Resolution #2018-05

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-05 (CJ2018-44) In the Matter of a Resolution Ratifying Bylaws for Harney County Planning, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Application for Approval to Install a Culvert or Approach from County Road – Stewart

Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, discussed the application submitted by Ronald B. and Mardella R. Stewart to install a culvert off Stanclift Road. Judge Runnels made Motion

to approve the application, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Human Services District Manager, Child Welfare Manager, self-sufficiency conversation around Harney County data and needs

Wendy Hill, Dan Ramirez, and Chris Phillips presented the Court with information on Oregon Department of Human Services self-sufficiency program and frequently asked questions on social service programs in Oregon. Topics of discussion included TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adults With Dependents), OFSET (Oregon Food Stamp Employment Transition Program), SNAP 50/50, ERDC (Employment Related Day Care), Oregon Health Plan, domestic violence assistance for Harney County residents, child welfare and foster care, and staffing in the Harney County office. County Court requested additional data, a snapshot of the last 4-5 years, to investigate the concerns from the community regarding a dramatic increase of TANF and SNAP benefits in Harney County.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, input on agency's proposed 2019-2021 budget town hall meetings

Scheduling

Harney County Court scheduled Rural Meetings:

Fields April 30, 2018

Riley May 16, 2018

Late Items

The Court discussed the April 3, 2018, community meeting in Drewsey.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, County Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk