



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

December 6, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels; Commissioner Mark Owens and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Rick Paul, Fair Director; Lori Cheek, Juvenile Director; Brooke Nyman, Juvenile Counselor and Derrin Robinson, County Clerk.

The public attendance sheet is included with the packet for this meeting.

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 moved to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2017 County Court meeting. Commissioner Owens second, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Barbara Cannady asked if there was an update regarding alternative land use regulations. Commissioner Owens reported on upcoming legislation for the 2018 session that he seems optimistic about.

Rick Paul, Fair Manager, thanked the court for their support of the fair during his tenure as fair manager. He will be retiring and a new fair manager has been hired. He stated

this year's fair made some money, and that is a success. The court expressed their gratitude to Mr. Paul as well.

Old Business

Judge Runnels stated he has the grant application ready for approval by the court for funds to complete the levy feasibility study, and is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

New Business

Paul Gray, Emergency Management Coordinator provided an update regarding Title III dollars. He requested the court allocate the remaining available dollars to Search and Rescue events in the Malheur Forrest. Commissioner Dorroh moved to allocate remaining Title III dollars to Search and Rescue efforts, to cover expenses of events in the Malheur Forest. Commissioner Owens second, the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Cheek and Brooke Nyman provided an update on caseload and disposition for the Juvenile Dept. Mrs. Cheek stated Harney County has an acute shortage of Court Appointed Special Advocates. Currently, staff allocation works, but it is becoming tight. Ms. Nyman provided an update regarding the re-implementation of the teen court program.

Sydney Temple provided a presentation of her 4H international exchange trip to Japan.

Greg Smith and Denise Rose were present to provide an update on workforce development, housing and an update on efforts from the business development office.

Harney County Medal of Honor Proclamation

Commissioner Dorroh read aloud the proclamation. Commissioner Owens moved to proclaim Harney County a Medal of Honor County, Judge Runnels second, motion carried. The Proclamation is included with the packet for these minutes.

Court reviewed the Business Oregon application, for funding to complete a feasibility study for the Silvies River Levy. Commissioner Owens moved to authorize Judge Runnels to submit the application, Commissioner Dorroh second, motion carried unanimously.

The Court reviewed notices of water use requests.

Correspondence

- 1) US Dept. of Interior – BLM Drewsey Priority Area of Conservation Biological Thinning Determination
- 2) US Dept. of Ag.- Bids for the UP Decks SBA sale Termination for this sale Date: 12/31/2018
- 3) DEQ 2016 Material Recovery and Waster Generation Summary for watershed

For the Record

Judge Runnels reported the State of County / Cities/ Community address will be February 6, at 12:00 p.m. at Harney County Chamber of Commerce.

Fair Board applications will be accepted until December 15th.

Commissioner Dorroh will be away later this week to participate on the Oregon Workforce Investment Board in Portland.

Commissioner Owens will be away to Washington DC to discuss Forest Service operations.

There being no further discussion, the court adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrin Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derrin (Dag) Robinson
Harney County Clerk