



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

June 20, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Ted Tiller, Tax Assessor; Jordan Bennett, Fair Director; Kerry Opie, County Court; Angie Lamborn, Harney County Senior Center; and Tim Colahan, County Counsel; and Virginia (Vicky) Lopez, Harney County Health Department/Interpreter.

Public attending was Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Dauna Wensick, City of Burns; Judy Irwin, City of Hines; Tara Thissell, BLM; Kathy Markee, Communities in Action; Vicky Lopez, Public Health & Interpreter; Fred Flippence, Harney Electric; Bob Cargill, OTEC; George Heinz, Lynn McClintock, 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 June 6, 2018, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Lynn McClintock discussed graffiti on the nature trail. Law enforcement has been notified and have taken some steps to clean up the graffiti. Judge Runnels will follow up on this issue with local law enforcement.

Commissioner Owens presented the Court with a letter from Angie Ketscher. Harney County Court would like to thank the Harney County Livestock Committee members for their years of service: Travis Williams, Tiny & Sue Pedersen, Lynda Haakensen, Melissa Ward, Laura Molton, Gena Harvey, Karen Moon, Kelly Singhose, Mike Ribeiro, Jeff Maupin, Dustin Johnson, and Dr. Masie Custis.

Old Business

Discussion on Solar Tax Options – Ted Tiller

Ted Tiller presented the Court with the estimated property tax revenue regarding solar projects, continuing the discussion from the last County Court meeting.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the PILT agreement template for tax options and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

10:15 a.m. – Hannah Hinman (541-575-5574), Grant-Harney County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in Harney County Presentation

Hannah Hinman, Grant-Harney County CASA, gave an overview of the CASA program. Topics of her presentation included duties of CASA volunteers, outcomes from the CASA program, increase in need for CASAs for children in foster care in Harney County, data and funding, and volunteer retention. Maggie Thompson has been recently hired to assist the CASA program in Harney County.

10:20 a.m. – Brian Needham, Abatement of Tim Woods Property

Brian Needham, Harney County Sheriff's Office, discussed the issues related to the property at 1359 S. Court in Burns. There was a previous abatement notice served on 9/28/2017 but nothing was done by the owner to rectify the problems. The Court supports the Harney County Sheriff's Office in serving an Abatement Notice to Tim Woods.

10:30 a.m. – Declaration of State of Emergency

County Court continued the discussion from the last County Court meeting regarding a declaration of a state of emergency regarding the windstorm on May 25, 2018. Bob Cargill, OTEC representative, discussed the cost and cleanup related to the recent windstorm. Judy Irwin, City of Hines, voiced concerns regarding the ongoing problems with hazardous trees and discussed possibility of their removal. Fred Flippence, Harney Electric representative, discussed FEMA money availability, mitigation plan, and deadline for a declaration of emergency. Dauna Wensick, City of Burns, discussed overtime hours for staff and additional costs of equipment usage. Jordan Bennett,

Harney County Fair Director, discussed the damage sustained at the fairgrounds. He is waiting for information from the insurance company but the damage has been assessed at approximately \$250,000. Commissioner Owens made a Motion approving the Court Order In the Matter of Declaring A State of Emergency within Harney County OERS 2018-1156 (CJ2018-74), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:20-11:40 a.m. – Kathy Makee, Communities in Action; Vicky Lopez, Public Health & Interpreter; Public Hearing announcement on Housing Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant

It being the date advertised for the public hearing on the matter of the Residential Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the County's jurisdiction to hear the action, abstentions, ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Kathy Markee, Program Representative, Community in Action, was present. By statute, Judge Pete Runnels was required to read the Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing into the record. Vicky Lopez, Interpreter, was present but no requests were made for the Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing to be read in Spanish.

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

Harney County is eligible to apply for a 2018 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2018. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$2,500,000.

Harney County is preparing an application for a 2018 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for Housing Rehabilitation, in Harney County, Burns/Hines that will benefit owner occupied homes for rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income individuals. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 50 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Harney County Court Judge and commissioners at 10:00 am on 20th day of June at the Harney County Court House. The purpose of this hearing is for the Harney County Court and the commissioners to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by June 19, 2018, at 450 North Buena Vista Ave, Suite 5, Burns, OR 97720. Both oral and written comments will

be considered by the Harney County Judge and the commissioners in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Kerry Opie, Assistant to the Judge at 541-573-6356, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the Harney County's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Harney County Courthouse during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. Please contact Kerry Opie, Assistant to the Judge at 541-573-6356, if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

Kerry Opie stated the Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing was printed in the Burns Times Herald on June 6, 2018, both in English and Spanish.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

11:40 a.m. – Awarding of successful Broadband Strategic Plan Grant Proposal

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to award the Broadband Strategic Plan Grant to VantagePoint and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session 192.610(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

Court came out of Executive Session at 11: 47 a.m. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the agreement between Harney County and Harney County Deputy's Association effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

USDA Malheur Blue Mountain Ranger District – Sealed bid opening IZ deck sale

USDA Malheur Blue Mountain Ranger District – Sealed bid opening Lope DXpre reoffer sale

USDA Malheur Forest Emigrant Creek M Ranger District – Sealed bids will open 7/11/2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Determination of NEPA Adequacy and proposed decision for Folly Farm pipe line

Water Resources Department – Harney Basin Quarterly & Synoptic Well Owners & Interested Parties

Scheduling

Adopt Budget – June 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., Levy Tax and Categorize Tax Resolutions

July Harney County meeting schedule – July 5, 2018, and July 18, 2018

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

The Court recessed at 11:40 a.m. for Executive Session, and reconvened at 11:47 a.m. There being no further matters, the County Court adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk