



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

June 6, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in the County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also, in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Paul Grey, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Brian Needham and Angela Muilenburg, Harney County Sheriff's Office; Ted Tiller, Harney County Tax Assessor; and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer.

Public attending was Holly Orr, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Christy Cheyne, Lori Bailey, and Melissa Ward, USFS; Rick Paul, Paul Hyland, and George Heinz.

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 May 16, 2018, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Paul Hyland discussed the progress on the Embree bridge.

Old Business

FEMA Update

To be discussed further in an afternoon work session with Brandon McMullen, Harney County Planning Director.

New Business

10:15 a.m. – Harney County Tax Assessor, Ted Tiller, Solar Ordinance Discussion & Request for cancellation of uncollectable personal property tax

The County has been approached by developers interested in leasing ground from private landowners to put in solar panels. Ted Tiller, Harney County Tax Assessor, discussed the potential tax implications and the possible need for a Solar Ordinance.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Court Order In the Matter of Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes per ORS 311.790 (CJ2018-65). The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:30 a.m. – Melissa Ward, Writer/Editor, Emigrant Creek Danger Tree Removal project briefing

Christy Cheyne, Melissa Ward, and Lori Bailey, USFS, gave a presentation regarding the Emigrant Creek Danger Tree Removal project. Topics of presentation included purpose and need, need for action, proposed action, danger tree definition, potential failure zone, design criteria, selected design criteria, data, project timeline, and project information.

10:45 a.m. – Declaration of State of Emergency

County Court and Paul Grey, Harney County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, discussed the possible need for a Declaration of State of Emergency in response to the windstorm on May 25, 2018. No decision was made at this time.

Harney County Roadmaster, Eric Drushella, Application for Approval to Install Culvert and/or Approach from a County Road (2)

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve the Application for Approval to Install a Culvert And/Or Approach from a County Road (CJ2018-66) by Cody Williams. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Application for Approval to Install a Culvert And/Or Approach from a County Road (CJ2018-67) by Sabrina Maki. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2018-08, Approval of Ambulance Service Area Plan

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-08 (CJ2018-68) In the Matter of Assignment of Ambulance Service Provider for the Harney County

Ambulance Service Area. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation of Fair Board Members

County Court accepted the resignations of Karen Moon and Angie Ketscher from the Harney County Fair Board.

Bobbi Jo Heany, Harney County Treasurer, Order-Land Sales Fund Distribution

Bobbi Jo Heany, Harney County Treasurer, discussed the Court Order distributing County Land Sale funds. Commissioner Owens discussed the distribution process and how it affects the local school districts. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Court Order (CJ2018-69) In the Matter of the Distribution of Sale of County Land Funds. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. – Opening of Broadband Strategic Plan Grant Proposals

County Court opened three (3) bids for the Broadband Strategic Plan Grant which were all received by the deadline.

- 1) Vantage Point (South Dakota), \$70,000
- 2) CCG Consulting (North Carolina), \$54,000
- 3) Televate (Virginia), \$73,550

Bids will be reviewed by the Court and a decision will be made at the next County Court meeting on June 20, 2018.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

USDA Malheur Prairie City Ranger District – Sealed bid opening date on 6/27/2018 at 10:00 a.m.

United States Department of Interior, BLM Griffin Creek Enclosures

BLM beginning process of writing an environmental assessment titled Spray Feasibility and on-Range Behavioral Outcomes Assessment and Warm Springs Herd Management Area (HMA) Population Management Plan

Scheduling

Budget Meeting:

Budget Hearing on June 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Adopt Budget on June 20, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

Levy Tax and Categorize Tax Resolutions

Late Items

Angela Muilenburg received recognition for 5 years of service to Harney County.

Terri Hellbusch and Forrest Keady have been appointed to the Eastern Oregon Workforce Board.

Commissioner Dorroh updated the Court on the recent Harney County Wolf Advisory Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on July 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Harney County Courthouse. Commissioner Dorroh also discussed the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board Meeting, and recent appointment to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk