



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

May 16, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens.

Public attending was Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Tara Thissell, BLM; Jeff Sceirine, Harney District Hospital (HDH) EMS; 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 County Court Minutes from the May 2, 2018, session and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Tara Thissell, BLM, discussed scoping on the next effort for a mare sterilization behavior effort. BLM will be partnering with USGS and Colorado State with the possibility for public viewing. The study will include how the mares are affected by

sterilization. The current horse population at the wild horse corrals is approximately 350.

George Heinz advised the Court there will be a meeting today at 6:00 p.m. at The Pine Room. The topic is managing fires.

Old Business

Flood Update

County Court discussed the recent flood meeting. Topics included adoption of the flood map, hydrology and water flow amounts, and funding source discussion.

New Business

10:15 a.m. – Watershed Council annual update – Karen Moon

Karen Moon, Watershed Council, presented the Court with the 2017 annual update. Topics of discussion included active grant projects, new Watershed Council office space, small grant program, small grant projects, community-based water planning, High Desert Youth Range Camp, partnerships and ongoing activities, Kids Club Outdoor School, Silvies River lidar analysis, Harney County Fair, and Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative.

Approval of Ambulance Service Area Plan – Jeff Sceirine

Jeff Sceirine, HDH EMS, discussed the Harney County Ambulance Service Area Plan. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Harney County Ambulance Service Area Plan (CJ2018-58) and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Judge Runnels will review the process and make a decision regarding the need for a County Resolution in this matter.

Review of Water Use Requests

Commissioner Owens discussed Water Use Requests.

Correspondence

USDA Malheur Blue Mountain Ranger District Initial Bids for Oral Auction will be opened

Water Resource Department, Harney Basin May 2018 Quarterly Groundwater Level Measurements at selected wells is scheduled from May 13-19, 2018

Scheduling

Scheduled Rural Meetings:

Riley, May 16, 2018

Budget Meeting:

May 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Scheduling for July, 2018, County Court meetings:

Thursday, July 5, 2018, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 9:15 a.m.

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further matters, County Court adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk