



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

January 3, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Jordan Bennett, Fair Director; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Derrin Robinson, County Clerk; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Public attending were Rick Paul, Marjorie Thelen, John Thelen, Barb Kull, Barbara Cannady, Laura Bob, Chris Kennedy, Cheryl Smith and Louis Smith, Crane Rural Fire Protection Association; Chris Siegner and Deana Alton, Symmetry Care; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; and Chad Allen, Western States Equipment.

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 Owens made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 20, 2017, County Court session. Commissioner Dorroh seconded the Motion, and with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment

John and Marjorie Thelen requested information regarding the Meadowlands Ranch easements and the process to form a road district. Derrin Robinson, County Clerk, and Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, provided some information. The Court will investigate this issue further, and provide information on the steps necessary to form a road district.

Cheryl and Louis Smith, Crane Rangeland Fire Protection Association, discussed the fees for Harney County. Judge Runnels will review how the fire protection fee was addressed previously. Cheryl requested communication from the Court after the budget process is complete, and regarding their final decision.

Justin Bennett, Fair Manager, discussed a new carnival vendor for the 2018 Harney County Fair.

MarjorieThelen voiced her support of Ballot Measure 101.

Old Business

None

New Business

10:15 a.m. Chris Siegner, Symmetry Care Update & Video

Chris Siegner, Director of Symmetry Care, gave an update to the Court. Topics of discussion included a brief overview of Symmetry Care services (Symmetry Care, Inc. at a Glance), primary health care services for Symmetry Care clients, and Obsidian Ridge Ranch. The Court viewed a video entitled "Gobhi-Ranching to Independence." Two (2) of the current clients at the Obsidian Ridge Ranch, Chris Kennedy and Laura Bob, discussed the therapeutic benefits of working at the ranch.

11:00 a.m. Opening of Bid for one (1) New High Track Dozier Five (5) year lease

Judge Runnels opened two (2) bids received by the deadline for one (1) New High-Track Dozier for the Harney County Road Department. Bids were received from 1) The Cadwell Group LLC, Sisters, Oregon, and 2) Western States Equipment, Meridian, Idaho. Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, will review the bids then present his recommendation to the Court.

Approval of Ordinance #2018-79 County Uniform Fee Schedule

Derrin Robinson, County Clerk, discussed the County Uniform Fee Schedule. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Ordinance #2018-79 in the Matter of Establishing Harney County's Uniform Fee Schedule for Various County Department (CJ2018-8), and the Court discussed a few format changes to be made. Judge Runnels seconded the Motion, and with no further discussion Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Orders in the Matter of Appointing a Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore and Designating the Official County Newspaper

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Court Order in the Matter of the Appointment of Harney County Justice of the Peach Pro Tempore for 2018 (CJ2018-5); Judge Kathy Stinnett, John Lamborn, and Vicky Clemens. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens, and with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Court Order in the Matter of Designating the Burns Times-Herald as Official County Newspaper for the Year 2018 (CJ2018-6). The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens, and with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Approval & Signature for the Unexpected Appropriation of Funds – Emergency Disaster Budget

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve and sign Resolution #2018-01 (CJ2018-7) in the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition. Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion, and with no further discussion the Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Bureau of Land Management – Pollock Allotment Biological Thinning Determination of NEPA Adequacy and decision

Review of Water use requests

Commissioner Owens discussed the water use requests.

Scheduling

Next County Court meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2018, County Court Chambers.

County Court meeting for March 2018 were changed to March 14th and due to a conflict with the 2018 NACo Legislative Conference (March 3-7, 2018).

Late Items

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

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, the County Court adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk