



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County
Minutes of the County Court
August 2, 2017***

The Harney County Court convened August 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in Judge Pete Runnels' office in the Courthouse. Attending were Judge Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, Derrin Robinson, County Clerk, Roadmaster Eric Drushella, and Fair Manager Rick Paul.

Public Attending were Jeff Dorroh, Tim Smith, TKS; Marjorie Thelen, Holly Orr, Burns District BLM; Judy Erwin, City of Hines; Chelsea Harrison, Chamber of Commerce, Barbara Cannady, FF; Herb Vloedman, Paul Hyland and Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald.

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 July 19th County Court meeting as presented. Commissioner Owens second, the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:45 a.m., the Court went into executive session as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. At 10:00 a.m., the Court reconvened in regular session. Judge Runnels discussed the process the court went through in reviewing proposals from applicants for the Economic Development Program. Each Commissioner commented about the process and touched on each proposal. Commissioner Owens moved to begin Contract negotiations with Greg Smith, Co. for Economic Development Services. Commissioner Dorroh second, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Tim Smith presented the court with written comments regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update, and thanked the Court and Planning Commission for their continued efforts on the project.

Holly Orr, Associate Dist. Manager, Burns District BLM, provided the Court with an updated NEPA Schedule.

Old Business

Flood Issues

Commissioner Owens and Judge Runnels gave an update to the Court regarding flood issues. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Runnels' office. Judy Erwin stated she has learned local insurance agents are often times able to provide flood insurance at much lower rates than the National Flood Insurance program. Judge Runnels stated he planned to have some of the local agents at the next meeting to discuss this.

New Business

Community Corrections Director Lodi Presley was present and provided a brief update from the Department. She discussed biennial funding, Justice Reinvestment funding, experiences with the newly implemented transitional housing program, tracking devices, and general supervision.

The court reviewed an application for an approach off of Lawen Road. Eric Drushella had not yet reviewed this application, and requested he have time to review it. Judge Runnels agreed to table the application until the next court meeting.

The Court reviewed an Order in the matter of Conveying Property Not Needed for Public Use to Harney County Senior Citizen Center. This transfer is in order for the availability to rehabilitate and rent a residential property. Commissioner Dorroh moved to sign the Order. Commissioner Owens second, there was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously (CJ2017-118).

The Court reviewed a Resolution In the Matter of Amending Resolution 2001-15, Adopting Policies for the Sale of Harney County Owned Land. Judge Runnels explained the previous land sale policy did not take into consideration properties with failing structures or in a poor condition. This amendment allows for a reduced minimum bid amount. Commissioner Owens moved to adopt Resolution 2017-09, Adopting Policies for the Sale of Harney County Owned Land. Commissioner Dorroh second, the motion carried Unanimously (CJ2017-119).

The Court reviewed an Order In the Matter of Conveying Mineral Rights Reserved to Harney County to Owner of Surface Rights. Judge Runnels explained the process has been completed as per ORS 275.316 and there have been no objections. Judge Runnels moved to Sign the Order, Commissioner Owens

second, the motion carried unanimously (CJ2017-117). Staff will collect the value and have a Deed prepared.

The Court reviewed Water Use Requests. There were no objections to any request.

Correspondence

Oregon Dept. of Forestry
Vale District, BLM

Judge Runnels stated he will be attending AOC meetings August 13-14.

There being no further business, the Court adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Derrin (Dag) Robinson
Harney County Clerk

DRAFT