



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

September 6, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnels' office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Road Department; Paul Gray, Emergency Management; Cheryl Hancock, Library; Tim Colahan, County Counsel; and Sharon Johnson, County Court.

Public attending were Holly Orr, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Karen Moon, Harney County Fair Board; Jeff Sceirine, Harney District Hospital EMS; Representative Cliff Bentz; Barb Kull, and Barbara Cannady.

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 August 16, 2017, County Court meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Karen Moon, Fair Board President, presented the Court with their passes to the 2017 Harney County Fair.

Old Business

Flood Issues Update

Next meeting is on September 19, 2017. Topics will include community based flood insurance options, and drone activity over the river between Highway 20 and Highway 78 to pinpoint clean up areas and funding.

New Business

Review of an Application by Walt Harder for an Approach off of Lottery Lane

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Application by Walt Harder for an Approach off of Lottery Lane, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:15 a.m. State Representative Cliff Bentz with a legislative update

State Representative Cliff Bentz discussed various topics including his intent to run for another term as State Representative and serve for another two (2) years if elected, pictorial review of his legislative year, snow damage in Malheur County, transportation package and gas tax, State budget, PERS funding, tax credit bills, mining and mineral issues, service station fuel access in rural areas, focus of the next legislative sessions, water issues, and economic development in Harney County.

11:15 a.m. Signing of the Ambulance Service Area Ordinance

Jeff Sceirine, Harney District Hospital EMS, discussed ambulance and air medical services in Harney County, and the need for a functional ambulance service area ordinance. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Ordinance #2017-79 in the Matter of Regulating Ambulance Service Providers, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:30 a.m. Cheryl Hancock, County Librarian, with a recommendation for a new member on the Library Board

Cheryl Hancock, County Librarian, made a recommendation to appoint Barbara Skillman to the Harney County Library Advisory Board to service a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2021. Judge Runnels made a Motion to appoint Barbara Skillman to the Harney County Library Advisory Board, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:45 a.m. Paul Gray, County Emergency Manager, with an eclipse after action report

Paul Gray, Harney County Emergency Manager, discussed the recent eclipse. He reported a few issues which included fuel availability and lack of supplies for local restaurants. According to the Harney County Sheriff's Department, they estimated an increase of 50,000 vehicles traveling through the county. There were some issues with ODOT assisting with eclipse traffic but the City of Burns and the Sheriff's Department supplied officers to move vehicles through the area.

Discussion regarding MASA Medical Transport Solutions

Judge Runnels discussed the MASA Medical Transport Solutions program. The plan includes ground and air emergency transportation services, through payroll deduction. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve MASA Medical Transport Solutions payroll deduction service for Harney County employees, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. A representative from MASA will be meeting with Deanna Atwell, HR/Finance, to discuss the details of the service.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

BLM, Lakeview – Mining Plans of Operation

Scheduling

The next County Court meeting will be September 20, 2017, at 9:15 a.m. in Judge Runnels' office.

Rural work session meetings, 5:30-7:00 p.m., locations may change:

October 2, 2017	Drewsey
October 3, 2017	Crane/Princeton (at Crane)
October 10, 2017	Fields
October 11, 2017	BLM work session at 5:15 p.m., location TBA
October 19, 2017	Riley
October 23, 2017	Frenchglen/Diamond (at Frenchglen)

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 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk