



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

November 21, 2017

The Harney County Court convened in the Judge's Chambers at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels and Commissioner Mark Owens. Commissioner Dorroh was excused. Also attending were Rick Paul, Fair Director; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Public attending were High Desert Partnership members including Fred Flippence, Brenda Smith, Kathy Rementeria, Chad Karges, Gary Marshall, and Chelsea Harrison; Denise Rose, Harney County Economic Development; Barbara Cannady, and Barb Kull.

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 November 1, 2017, County Court meeting, and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Barb Cannady discussed the Harney County Economic Development workshop on November 20th, sage grouse concerns, and Meadowlands and special districts. Commissioner Owens will follow up on the special districts issue.

Old Business

Flood Issues Update

Next flood meeting will be on November 28, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Cleanup on the river has been completed. Judge Runnels also discussed the Business Oregon grant.

New Business

10:15 a.m. Paul Gray, County Emergency Manager, Title III Monies

Postponed for a future County Court session

Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) Nomination and approval

Commissioner Owens presented the Court with a letter in support of Judge Runnels for a position on the SMAC.

SEORAC Letter of Support for Mark Owens

Judge Runnels presented the Court with a letter in support of Commissioner Owens for a position on the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council.

Signing Contract for Medical Director

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign the Harney County Public Health Agreement for Health Officer (Dr. Sarah Laiosa, D.O.), and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Signing Contract for Health Officer

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign the Harney County Home Health/Hospice Contract for Medical Director (Dr. Sarah Laiosa, D.O.), and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water use requests

1:30 p.m. Work Session – High Desert Partnership & Harney County Economic Development

Correspondence

USDA Cliff Knox Project

OSU County Fund Balance

BLM Smyth-Kiger Biological Thinning Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

Scheduling

Flood issues meeting November 28, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Judge's Chambers

NuMuallottee Association November 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Judge's Chambers

Next County Court meeting on December 6, 2017, at 9:15 a.m. in the Judge's Chambers

Late Items

Employment Agreement Between Harney County and Sarah L. Laiosa, D.O.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign the Employment Agreement between Harney County and Sarah L. Laiosa, D.O., and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

AOC Conference Recap

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

For the Record

Adjournment

County Court recessed at 11:00 a.m., and reconvened at 1:30 pm for the work session. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk