



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

***August 1, 2018***

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Eric Drushella, Road Department; and Guy McKay and Tim Mosher, Veterans Services.

Public attending was Ed Guzman, Teri Corning-Sevey, and Shilo Burton-Harper, USFS; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Holly Orr, BLM; Lynn McClintock, Park & Rec; Rick Paul, Paul Hyland, and Representative Lynn Findley.

**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 July 18, 2018, County Court session and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Paul Hyland discussed continuing concerns regarding the completion of the Embree Bridge project. The Court and Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, are aware of the issues and are working toward addressing the concerns.

## **Old Business**

FEMA Update by Commissioner Owens. Topics included funding, RFP process, hydrology efforts, and FEMA has lowered the 100-year event from 6,600 cubic feet per second to 5,190 cubic feet per second.

Blue Mountain Forest Project update by Commissioner Owens.

Per Judge Runnels, comments for the Sage Grouse RMPA have been submitted.

Judge Runnels has submitted comments from County Court regarding the wild horse spay feasibility research study.

## **New Business**

### 10:15 a.m. – Guy McKay, Veterans Report

Guy McKay presented the Court with the Harney County Veterans' Services Program 2017-2018 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report of expenditures. He also discussed the 2018-2019 projects including ASIST-Suicide Prevention Program-Living Works, Honor Flight-Lone Eagle, Veterans Home Health Program, Veterans Homeless Program, and Veterans Health Fair-Suicide Prevention & Awareness.

### 10:30 a.m. – Acknowledgement: Letter of support to name Chelsea Harrison as representative to Eastern Oregon Visitors Association (EOVA)

Judge Runnels discussed the letter of support from the County Court recommending Chelsea Harrison as the Harney County EOVA representative.

### 10:35 a.m. – Acknowledgement: Letter of support establishing a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds

Commissioner Dorroh made the Motion to approve the letter of support to establish a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### 10:40 a.m. – In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2017-09, for the sale of Harney County owned land, Resolution #2018-14

Judge Runnels discussed the changes to be made on Resolution #2017-09 (new Resolution #2018-14). Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-14 (CJ2018-96) In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2017-09, Adopting Policies for the Sale of Harney County Owned Land, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### 10:50 a.m. – Approval of Resolution #2018-15, In the Matter of Purchasing Land with Rock Source for County Road Department

Eric Drushella discussed the proposed land sale; the land has shoulder rock that would be useful for the County. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion approving Resolution #2018-15 (CJ2018-97) In the Matter of Purchasing Land with Rock Source for County Road Department Use, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. – Prairie City Ranger District, Presentation on Cliff Knox Project (Malheur projects overlaps to Emigrant Creek)

Ed Guzman, Shiloh Burton, and Terry Corning-Seely, USFS, discussed the Cliff Knox Project. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted topics including project vicinity map; existing conditions such as vegetation, wildlife habitat, and roads; purpose and need; commercial and small diameter thinning; proposed restoration treatments and tree-tipping units; fuels treatments; wildlife habitat designations; road activities; proposed haul routes; road system changes; forest plan amendments; and project timeline.

### **Review of Water Use Requests**

#### **Correspondence**

Malheur National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions, Summer 2018

Harney Basin Quarterly & Synoptic Well Owners & Interested Parties, 2018 Quarterly Ground Water Measurements & Selected Wells

1:30 p.m. Work Session, Land Use Bill OR Farm Bureau, Harney County Farm Bureau

3:30 p.m. Work Session continued, Redband trout

#### **Scheduling**

August 15, 2018, County Court meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, August 21, 2018

#### **Late Items**

### **Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)**

#### **For the Record**

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy Johnston*

Deputy Clerk