



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

December 19, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:18 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Jordon Bennett, Fair Director; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; and Christy Timko, Re-Entry Court.

Public attending was Matt Obradovich, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Aaron Gagnon, USFS Acting Emigrant Creek District Ranger, Lynn McClintock, HDP&R, Rick Paul, George Heinz, and Paul Hyland.

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 December 5, 2018, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Commissioner Owens spoke to Rod Klus, District Wildlife Biologist at ODF&W, regarding the deer population issue in Hines and Burns. There is no State funding for deer fencing for residential but Rod Klus recommended people with deer issues come to the ODF&W District Office. They can give people non-fencing methods to keep the deer away and, if that is not successful, they may have materials on-site to help with fencing. He said the best way to keep deer out of town is to quit feeding them during the winter. The City of Burns and Hines are working on ordinances to address this issue.

Commissioner Owens also discussed a previous permit on a water use request that was split and he contacted John Short from Bend, Oregon, and he has done several of these requests as a real estate transaction has split the land to two (2) different owners. A permit is issued to a land base, not to a person.

Commissioner Dorroh discussed how we might want to locally address in the future construction related unlicensed work. There was a follow up meeting with the contractors that brought it to the County Court's attention, and the role of the Oregon Construction Contractors Board was discussed. One suggestion was to have available Harney County Sheriff Deputies follow up on new construction and verify they have been issued permits for the work. The goal is to have a process in place in one (1) to two (2) months.

Judge Runnels discussed the County on-site septic program with Grant County. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding to take over the Grant County inspections beginning February 15, 2019. Jesse Barnes is the current Harney County inspector, and is working with the DEQ to receive the required inspection hours.

New Business

10:15 a.m. - Adoption of the County Court Order Appointing Justice of the Peace Pro Tem

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Court Order in the Matter of the Appointment of Vicky Clemens as the Harney County Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for the period January 1, 2019 through January 7, 2019 (CJ2018-175), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion in the Matter of the Appointment of Judge Kathy Stinnett and John Lamborn as the Harney County Justice of the Peach Pro Tempore for 2019 (CJ2018-176), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:20 a.m. – Resolution #2018-20, Approval in the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to the Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; Public Health

Bobbi Jo Heany, Harney County Treasurer, discussed the Reproductive Health Equity Grant. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-20 in the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition, Public

Health (CJ2018-177), and Commissioner Dorroh seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:25 a.m. – Resolution #2018-21, Approval in the Matter of Appropriating Funds due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; Fairgrounds Reserve Fund

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-21 in the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition, Fairgrounds Reserve Fund (CJ2018-179), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:30 a.m. – Approval of the South Silvies Complex Comments

Commissioner Owens discussed the County Court comments regarding the environmental analysis to re-authorize grazing on Big Sagehen, Silvies, and Bridge Creek allotments (The South Silvies Complex). Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign the comments, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. There being no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. – Approval of the Rattlesnake Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Comments

Commissioner Owens discussed the County Court comments on the Rattlesnake HFRA Project Scoping Package, and the subject areas including 1) actions common to all vegetation treatments, 2) vegetation treatments and acres, 3) forest road activities, and 4) implementation. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign the comments on Rattlesnake HFRA Project Scoping Package, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:40 a.m. – Jordon Bennett, Presentation of Harney County Fair Finances 2018

Jordon Bennett, Harney County Fair Manager, discussed with the Court the 2018 Harney County Fair Rodeo and Racemeet Financial Review.

11:00 a.m. – Christy Timko, Re-Entry Court

Judge Christy Timko discussed Harney County Treatment Court and Re-Entry Court. Re-Entry Court is a new program designed to capture the segment of the population that is coming out of prison or local control and to help them reintegrate into the community in the most positive way possible. The structure is very similar to Treatment Court because it requires treatment, involves high intensity community supervision, behavior is changed through a process of rewards and sanctions, and the individual must report to the Court to check their progress. The goal of both programs is to reduce the recidivism rate (National statistic: 65% are re-arrested and returned to prison within 2 years). The Harney County Re-Entry Court is the first one in the State of Oregon and it is funded through a grant. It has taken a long time to put the program in place which includes establishing policies and procedures, and Judge Timko has been working on the program for two (2) years. Judge Timko is asking for the support of the Court to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Harney County and the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to pay for the Judge's time. It is all in the grant and has

been approved but she is just waiting for the OJD to complete the agreement. The Court agreed by consensus to approve and sign the Intergovernmental agreement when it is received by the Court.

Review of Water Use Requests

The December 18, 2018, OWRD Public Notice of water use requests was reviewed with no further discussion.

Correspondence

USDA Malheur National Blue Mountain Ranger District sealed bids will be opened on 1/9/2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Scheduling

County Court Meetings in January, 2019:

January 2, 2019, at 9:15 a.m.

January 16, 2019, at 9:15 a.m.

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk