



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

December 5, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Jordan Bennett, Fair Manager and Derrin (Dag) Robinson, County Clerk.

Public attending was Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Holly Orr (Assoc. District Manager) BLM; Melissa Ward, Noe Reyes, Lori Bailey and Aaron Gagnon (District Ranger), USFS, and Susan Christensen, GEODC.

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 November 21, 2018, County Court meeting and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

The Court wished to take a Moment of Silence in honor of the passing of former President George H.W. Bush.

Public Comment

Paul Zipser of Burns Electric and Dale Houck of Great Basin Plumbing were present to address issues with unlicensed plumbing and electrical workers, and not being sanctioned. They shared concerns with folks living in storage sheds, and unlicensed and bonded contractors doing work without a license, and not being reprimanded. They both feel it is getting out of hand and asked that it be addressed. Judge Runnels said he feels this is happening all over the county, and has asked the cities to help with enforcement as well. Judge Runnels said he has been considering an enforcement officer, and that might be an option. Commissioner Dorroh is a member of the Oregon Construction Contractors Board and explained the CCB role, and would assist in pursuing options for enforcement.

New Business

Susan Christensen with GEODC was present to update the court regarding the Harney County Housing roadmap. Susan has been working on housing finance options available to communities and projects.

In the Matter of Ordinance 2018-83, amending the Comprehensive Plan to Establish Public Lands Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Policy Actions, second Reading. Commissioner Owens moved to Read Ordinance 201-83, a second time as read by title only and adopt the Ordinance. Commissioner Dorroh second, Judge Runnels read the proposed Ordinance by Title only, and called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. *(CJ-2018-161)*

Representatives from Malheur National Forest presented the Rattlesnake Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and the South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotment Project. The Court will provide written comments regarding both projects.

In the Matter of Ordinance 2018-84, Accelerating of Redemption and Imposition of Fines for Properties Subject to Waste and Abandonment, with an emergency clause. Commissioner Owens moved to Adopt as ready by title only Ordinance 2018-84. Commissioner Dorroh second. Judge Runnels read Ordinance 2018-84 by title only, with an emergency clause. Commissioner moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-84, Commissioner second. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Owens moved again, to adopt Ordinance 2018-84 as read by title only, Commissioner Dorroh second. Judge Runnels read Ordinance 2018-84 again by title only and called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. *(CJ-2018-172)*

In the Matter of Resolution 2018-19, Temporary Closure of the Haney County Clerk's Office due to Fiscal Emergency, County Clerk Dag Robinson explained the necessity of this Resolution, as per ORS 205.242(1). Commissioner Dorroh moved to approve Resolution 2018-19, Judge Runnels second. The motion carried unanimously. *(CJ-2018-117)*

In the Matter of Appointments to the Harney County Fair Board, Owens move to Reappoint Jerry L. Staley and Chance Peila to the Fair Board. Commissioner Dorroh second. The court shared their appreciation of the work of both gentlemen as well as their expressions of goals and positive developments for the future of the fair. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

There were no objections to any request.

Correspondence

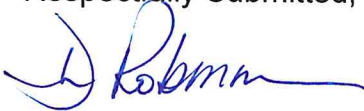
There was no correspondence to review.

Late Items

Commissioner Owens provided a brief recap of the Blue Mountain Forest Restoration Collaborative meeting.

There being no further business, the Court adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Derrin (Dag) Robinson
Harney County Clerk