



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

***February 20, 2019***

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Kerry Opie, Deputy Clerk; Eric Drushella, Road Department; Holly Orr, BLM; Jesse Barnes, Planning.

Public attending was Rick Paul, Mark Creighton, Samantha White, BTH; Mitzi Defenbaugh, Shana Withee and Melissa Woodbury, OSU Extension; and George Heinz.

**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 February 06, 2019, County Court session and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

Commissioner Dorroh let the Court know that the Harney County Wolf Committee made the recommendation not to support applying for the wolf deprecation grant.

Commissioner Owens wanted to let people know the Ground water meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019 @ 10 am at the Community Center.

Commissioner Owens would like the Public to know the Harney County Restoration meeting on common ground initiatives is the first Tuesday of the month.

### **New Business**

#### **10:15 – 10:30 am Shana Withee, Presentation of 2018 annual review of OSU 4-H Extension Program**

Thank you to the Judge and commissioners first for their support.

Accomplishments & comments: 4-H reaches over 450 youth in HC (42% eligible youth) Highlighted youth “spark” handout with statistics and examples of what goes on here in the County.

4-H Dinner @ the ELKS March 1, 2019 @ 4:30 – 8:00 pm.

Melissa Woodbury, OSU Extension, does the SANP Ed and Food Hero program through these two programs. There is a new curriculum called Serving up My Plate consisting of 4 areas on the plate with the types of foods for children to consume (Replaces the pyramid). There is a Japanese program here in the County that is very successful.

OSU resources are available to all people in Harney County

#### **10:30 am – 10:40 am Travel Management Plan – Malheur National Forest**

Commissioner Owens discussed the 2005 Forest Service passed a mandated rule to address Travel Management Plan – Malheur National Forest. Eastern Oregon Counties are opting to have an exclusion from this rule. A petition to have an exemption from 2005 rule for all counties in Eastern Oregon are being signed within their individual courts prior to going to the Washington, DC trip in March. Judge Runnels and Commissioner Dorroh support this well written petition.

Commissioner Dorroh made the Motion to support and sign the Petition for USDA Rulemaking to Exempt the Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests from the Travel Management Rule and Related Actions and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

#### **10:40 am – 10:45 am Review of MOU Permitting and Inspection of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems DEQ Grant Harney**

The parties to this agreement are the Oregon Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) Harney County (Harney), and Grant County (Grant). With ongoing discussion we will be Permitting and Inspection of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems DEQ Grant and Harney this gives Jesse Barnes the opportunity to get her hours in for certification by taking on Grant County requests. Harney County will collect all fees for this service. (Generates County revenue) March 1 is our starting date once Grant County signs off.

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Oregon Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) Harney County (Harney), and Grant County (Grant) MOU permitting and Inspection of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems DEQ. Commissioner Dorroh seconded, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**10:45 am – 11:00 am Report from Road Supervisor concerning the vacation of portion of local road known as County Road 47.**

Eric Drushella, Harney County Road Supervisor, highlighted a road investigation he completed on the Local Road 47. His report proposes eliminating 25 feet from the current 150 feet right away (average right away is 80 to 100 ft.) It is big enough to complete all required repair or necessary work even if approved. Proposed approval will take place after the public hearing on March 20, 2019, at 10:00 am in the downstairs meeting room Harney County Courthouse.

**11:00 am – 11:05 am Review Application for approval for Castor Ideota to install culvert And/or Approach from a County Road**

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to accept the application to install culvert And/or Approach from County Road identified as Rye Grass Lane and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**11:05 am - Review of Water Use Requests, – February 12, 2019, February 19, 2019 Correspondence Malheur National Forest – Schedule of Proposed Actions Winter 2019**

**Scheduling**

County Court Meeting Schedule: March 13 ~ March 27 ~ April 10 ~ April 23 ~ May 8 ~ May 22

Budget Meetings: April 10th 1pm, - 4 pm, April 11th 10am - 4pm, April 22 10am – 4pm,

**Late Items**

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

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kerry Opie*

Deputy Clerk