



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

January 16, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Jodi McLean, Home Health & Hospice; Eric Drushella, Road Department; Bobby Jo Heany, Treasurer; Derrin Robinson, County Clerk; and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Public attending was Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Rod Klus, ODFW; David Bohnert, EOARC-OSU; Rusty Inglis, Harney County Farm Bureau; Sam Palmer, Grant County Commissioner; Justin Hill, William Duntun, Kerry Boggs, Justin Galbreath, Barbara Cannady, Bruce Rickman, Donald Doverspike, Mitch Baker, Jeff Hussey, Cory Shelman, Mark Doverspike, Susan Doverspike, Lynn McClintock, Melodi Molt, Kasey McBride, Tom Pettyjohn, Wayne Smith, Midge Smith, and Ken Bentz.

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 January 2, 2019, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

10:15 a.m. Jodi McLean - Presentation of 2018 annual review of Home Health & Hospice Program

Jodi McLean discussed the 2018 Annual Review of the Home Health & Hospice Program. Topics of discussion included: 1) Bills- LC 1952 and LC1948 related to palliative care services, and LC 1950 hospice treatment for patients without a valid advance directive; 2) participation in the OHPCA "Lobby Day" at the State Capitol in Salem on Tuesday, February 26, 2019; 3) recipient of the 2018 Healthinsight Home Health HHCAHPS Recognition Certificate; and 4) number of patients being served.

10:30 a.m. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Grant County for on-site septic services

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Harney County and Grant County for on-site septic services (**CJ2019-11**), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. Vacation of Right of Way-Hines Logging Road

Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, discussed with the Court Resolution #2019-01 regarding vacating a portion of the Hines Logging Road. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion approving Resolution #2019-01, Notice Hearing and Order In the Matter of Initiating Proceedings to Vacate a Portion of Hines Logging Road (**CJ2019-10**), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:15 a.m. Vicky Clemens - Approval of undertaking for Justice of the Peace

County Clerk Derrin Robinson discussed the rationale behind the Official Undertaking for Justice of the Peace as per ORS 51.270. Commissioner Owens made Motion approving the Official Undertaking for Justice of the Peace (**CJ2019-9**), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:20 a.m. Patty Dorroh – Wolf Committee update/comments

The update by the Harney County Wolf Advisory Committee was well attended by the public. Commissioner Dorroh provided background on the Harney County Wolf Advisory Committee, its current makeup, and mentioned the upcoming application period between February 4-26, 2019, as an opportunity for the county to apply to participate in the ODA Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program. Harney County has chosen not to participate in this program so far; ten other counties currently do. The wolf committee will be meeting soon to determine their

recommendation to the Harney County Court regarding whether or not to apply for the grant. Application would involve county match funds being budgeted during the next budget cycle.

The community expressed its huge concerns about depredation losses and the negative impacts on livestock health and ranching due to the migration of gray wolves into Eastern Oregon. The financial losses to our community could be devastating. Livestock producer stakeholders, such as the Oregon Cattlemen and the Harney County Stockgrowers Association, have been very involved in providing input to the update to the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. They indicated serious concerns over the direction of the draft plan.

Rob Klus, Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), was in attendance and provided information about the technology, time delays, and challenges in tracking collared wolves. He also stated that livestock producers are notified if a wolf stays in the area, and that Harney County Sheriff staff are always notified and allowed to accompany ODFW during investigations.

Recommendations included supporting efforts for full federal delisting of the wolf and focusing on efforts on achieving a plan we can live with. The County Court asked those in attendance to come back with recommendations the Court could review for possible action.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

Scheduling

Next County Court Meetings: February 6, 2019 and February 20, 2019

Schedule for the Rural Meetings:

Crane/Princeton (Crane) on March 13, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Diamond/Frenchglen (Frenchglen) on April 20, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Fields on May 8, 2019, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Late Items

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

County Court recessed at 10:45 a.m., and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. There being no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk