



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

March 13, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels and Commissioner Mark Owens. Commissioner Patty Dorroh attended the meeting via telephone. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor; and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer.

Public attending was Jeff Rose, BLM; Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Mary Asmus, Mark Creighton, Wayne Smith, Bruce Rickman, Jeff Maupin, and Lorretta Peyrollaz.

Work Session 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

The Court reviewed accounts payables 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 20, 2019, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mary Ausmus requested information regarding the Senior Center housing project funding and application process.

Old Business

Commissioner Owens discussed the Washington DC NACO Conference. Topics of discussion included meetings with US Forest Service, USDA, US Department of the Interior, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Senator Ron Wyden; and Blue Mountain Forest Plan. Commissioner Owens will provide a written summary of his trip.

New Business

10:15 a.m. Karen Moon, Presentation of 2018 of Watershed Council Annual Review

Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council Coordinator, presented the Court with the 2018 Annual Review. Topics included active projects, small grant programs, High Desert Youth Range Camp (high school students June 19-22, 2019 and college students April 25-27, 2019), and community-based water planning. Regarding Watershed Council vacancies, Karen is in support of Tyler Harris as appointee to the Drewsey area council position. Commissioner Owens made motion to appoint Tyler Harris to the Watershed Council, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution #2019-05, Addendum per Resolution #2012-09 per Diem

Commissioner Owens made Motion to approve #2019-05 In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2019-09, Adopting Policies for Travel Allowances for County Employees (CJ2019-30). The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorroh and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Budget Board Member

Commissioner Owens made Motion to appoint Kurt Blackburn to the Harney County Budget Board and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Signing of Proclamation In the Matter to Commemorate the 100th Year Anniversary of the American Legion

Commission Owens made a Motion to sign the Proclamation to commemorate The American Legions' 100th Anniversary (CJ2019-26) and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. During March 15-17, 2019, The American Legion will observe its anniversary that began in Paris, France, 1919.

Review of Road Naming Application, Jerry Rank

The Court will review the application and consult with Bryce Mertz, GIS, and Brandon McMullen, Planning Director, before making a decision. The proposed road name is Eagle Lane. A decision will be made at the next County Court meeting.

Signing of Proclamation In the Matter of Proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Commissioner Owens made the Motion to sign the Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month (CJ2019-27), and seconded by Commission Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Drushella, Road Supervisor, 2019 Fund Exchange Agreement Long Hollow County Road (County Road #202) Overlay Project

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve the 2019 Fund Exchange Agreement #33287 Long Hollow County Road Overlay Project (CJ2019-29), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution #2019-6 In the Matter of Charter Communication Tax Fund #645 Revenue Line Name Correction/Change

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-06 In the Matter of Charter Comm. Tax Fund #645 Revenue Line Name Correction/Change (CJ2019-28), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Smith and Kenny Bentz, Harney County Stockgrowers' Association, Regarding Wolves and Other Predators Establishing In Harney County

Wayne Smith presented to the Court a letter dated March 12, 2019, and approved by the Harney County Stockgrowers' Association (HCSA). Commission Dorroh addressed three (3) requests by the HCSA outlined in their letter; 1) Harney County prohibit the establishment of the Canadian Grey Wolf in Harney County; 2) require ODFW to provide real time data on the location of wolves in Harney County; and 3) request Harney County Court to adopt an ordinance that wolves and wolf hybrids be removed from Harney County. Suzanne Settle, member of the Wolf Committee, is working on using AlertSense, a dispatch system where enrolled individuals would get an e-mail or text as soon as there is a wolf sighting by ODFW. The County Court discussed working with the HCSA and County Counsel regarding the proper language of any resolutions, declarations, or ordinances regarding wolves in Harney County.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

BLM Vale District Office, grazing permit renewal process for 3 allotments

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

March 27, 2019

April 10 and 23, 2019

May 8 and 22, 2019

Budget Meeting Schedule:

April 10, 2019, 1-4p

April 11, 2019, 10a-4p

April 22, 2019, 10a-4p

Late Items

Letter of support for Dave Bernhardt for Secretary of the Interior

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve and sign the letter dated March 12, 2019, in support of David Bernhardt to lead the U.S. Department of the Interior and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk