



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

***March 27, 2019***

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; Guy McKay, Veteran Services Officer; Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; and Ted Tiller, Tax Assessor.

Public attending was Holly Orr, BLM; Kirby Leatham, City of Hines; Samantha White, Burns Times-Herald; Dave Field, State Fire Marshall Office; Scott Williamson, Burns Fire Department; Robert Spence, Hines Fire Department; Nick Brown, U.S. Census Bureau; Mary Ausmus, and Dennis Davis.

**Work Session 9:25 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 March 13, 2019, County Court session and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Mary Ausmus asked follow-up questions regarding the Feathered Nest LLC housing/apartments.

Guy McKay, Harney County Veteran Services Officer, discussed the 2nd Amendment concerns of Harney County veterans.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Resolution #2019-07 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition General Fund Reimbursable Grants**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-07 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; General Fund Reimbursable Grants (CJ2019-36), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion on Zone 2 Fire Protection**

Scott Williamson (Burns Fire Department), Robert Spence (Hines Fire Department), and Dave Fields (State Fire Marshall Office) discussed fire service to Harney County residents outside the city limits of Burns and Hines and how to continue to fund these services. Scott will be attending the Burns City Council meeting on March 27, 2019, and his recommendation, based on the current financial situation, will be to continue to provide service to the residents who currently have a contract for structural fire protection with the City of Burns but everything else they will not respond to unless life is being threatened. Ted Tiller, Tax Assessor, discussed property tax options; 1) Create a new district, 2) local option levy, or 3) County Court can divert funds into an existing district. The County Court would also support a conversation between the cities of Hines and Burns regarding consolidation of the Hines and Burns Fire Departments. Discussion continued regarding ways to increase funding; 1) changes to the rural subscription program such as the number of subscribers and cost of subscription, 2) education to residents regarding homeowner insurance savings when they are a part of the rural subscription program, and 3) consolidation of the two fire departments. County Court requested budget information from the fire departments.

### **Signing of Bargain and Sale Deed, Scott & Ellen Franklin**

Signing of the deed was tabled until the next County Court meeting in order to research retention of mineral rights by Harney County.

### **First Reading of Ordinance #2019-86 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Ordinance for Harney County**

County Court reviewed Ordinance #2019-86 In the Matter of the Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance for Harney County. First reading of Ordinance #2019-86 by title only.

### **Review and Signing of Road Naming Application, Jerry Rank**

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Road Naming Resolution #2019-10 Eagle Lane (CJ2019-33), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution #2019-08 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; General Fund Operating Reserve Fund**

Bobbi Jo Heany, Harney County Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2019-08. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-08 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence; General Fund Operating Reserve Fund (CJ2019-37) and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Amending Resolution #2018-04 Approval of Resolution for Policies for the Sale of County Owned Land #2019-09**

After a review and discussion of the Resolution, Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-09 In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2018-04 Adopting Policies for the Sale of Harney County Owned Land (CJ2019-34) and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Signing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Order, Woods Property**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve and sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order In the Matter of Accelerating the Redemption of Tax Foreclosed Property at 1359 S. Court, Burns, Oregon (CJ2019-35). The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens and, with no further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Verbal Approval of the adoption of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

Commissioner Dorroh made Motion to approve the adoption of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Nick Brown, Partnership Specialist, Deschutes County, Los Angeles Census Center, U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Census presentation on behalf of the 2020 Census**

Nick Brown provided the Court with the United States Census Bureau's Measuring America packet and discussed the 2020 Census. Topics of discussion included importance of the 2020 Census, survey questions, and logistics on how the Census will be completed in Harney County. The County Court will create a committee to facilitate the 2020 Census in Harney County.

**Silvies Scope of Work (SOW) Proposal Review; selected proposer will be notified on April 3, 2019**

Brandon McMullen, Harney County Planning Director, reviewed the proposers for the Silvies SOW. He also provided questions for the three (3) proposers (Alta, Anderson Perry & Associates, and Kleinschmidt) to be completed before a recommendation will be made to the Court. Commissioner Owens and Brandon McMullen will continue their

research, to include procuring answers to the questions, and then present their recommendation to the Court prior to the April 3, 2019.

### **Review of Water Use Requests**

### **Correspondence**

Department of Energy BPA; people interested in the Glass Butte Radio Station

U.S. Department of the Interior; Endangered species notification of proposed rule to list/delist a species

### **Scheduling**

County Court Meeting Schedule:

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

May 9, 2019, 10a-4p

Rural Community Visits:

Diamond/Frenchglen area; Frenchglen School gym, April 10, 2019, 6-7p

Fields area, School gym; May 8, 2019, 5:30-6:30p

### **Late Items**

#### **Service Recognition Awards**

Rozanne Ebar 15 years

Karen Zabala 30 years

Travis Hodnett 10 years

Charles Dickenson 5 years

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

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, County Court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy Johnston*

Deputy Clerk