



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

November 26, 2019

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Clerk's Office; Eric Drushella, Road Department; and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer.

Public attending was Tara Thissell, BLM; Melodi Molt, Pat Horlacher, Vern Brown, Rick Paul, and Gretchen Bates.

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 6, 2019, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Melodi Molt discussed need of "Welcome Wagon" type service for new people moving to the area. She will discuss with Lola Johnson, Harney County Chamber of Commerce and Denise Rose, Harney County Economic Development. She also discussed confined animal feeding operation (feed lot) in Harney County. Commissioner Owens has plans to telephone the manager and suggested the Court draft a letter of support.

Old Business

American Legion County Land Sale

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to donate Tax Lot #4028 to the American Legion, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Order Approving Petition For County Land Sale

The County Court signed the Order approving petition for County land sale of #36012, #1898, #59309, #1316, #749, and #4028 (CJ2019-173), which was previously approved by the Court.

New Business

Snow Mountain Lane Approach - Palmer

Eric Drushella reviewed and is in support of the application from Steve Palmer, Palmer Excavation, Snow Mountain Lane access to Tax Lo #600/#700. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the application by Steve Palmer (Palmer Excavation), and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-31 Establishing a Public/Private Partnership to Provide Broadband Service Between MiWave and Harney County

The Court discussed Resolution #2019-31 between MiWave and Harney County. This Resolution will enable MiWave to apply for a public/private partnership loan through BizOregon. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-31 Establishing a Public/Private Partnership to Provide Broadband Service between MiWave and Harney County, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-32 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; Crane Water Sewer Fund Reimbursable Grant

Commissioner Owens discussed Resolution #2019-32 regarding the Crane Water Sewer Fund Reimbursable Grant. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-32 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition; General Fund Reimbursable Grant, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2019-33 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition Senior Transports

Bobbi Jo Heany discussed with the Court Resolution #2019-33 Harney County Senior & Community Services Center receipt of additional funding from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) through the State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) in the amount of \$162,000.00. This was additional funding Director Angie Lamborn was

unaware of at the time of budget discussion. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Resolution #2019-33 In the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or condition Senior Transports, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Forclosed Property to Retain/Sale

Judge Runnels discussed six (6) foreclosed properties in Harney County. After the discussion, the Court agreed the properties should go up for sale, Spring 2020. Judge Runnels made a Motion to sell the foreclosed properties tax lot #22023, #93056, #48128, #48091, #23375, and #1356, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Application to Purchase County Owned Land Account #412

The Court discussed the Order Approving Petition for County Land Sale #412 by Mark Ruggles. After review of the Order and County Policy, the Court tabled approval until they can discuss it further with the applicant, Mark Ruggles.

Review of Water Use Requests

Executive Session 11:30a-12:00p Executive Session 2015 ORS 192.660 (2) (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Correspondence

Portland State University Preliminary 2019 Population Estimate dated November 15, 2019

USDA Forest Service Malheur Prairie City Ranger District Timber Sale Contract 2400-3T Copy of timber sales to be offered between October 01, 2019, and September 30, 2020.

State of Oregon List of OLCC License Renewals, Harney County

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (may need to reschedule due to BoPTA training, TBA after December 31, 2019)

Thursday, January 9, 2020, TBA

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Late Items

General Deliberations by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

County Court recessed at 10:55 a.m., reconvened at 11:05 a.m. for Executive Session.
County Court reconvened for regular session at 11:10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston
Deputy Clerk