



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

***September 19, 2018***

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens via phone.

Public attending were Rick Paul, George Heinz, Laurie O'Conner, Mary Ausmus, Matt Obradovich, BLM; Joyce Green, Marjorie Thelen and Don Greenfield, Harney County Democrats; Sam White, Burns Times Herald; and Lynn McClintock, High Desert Park and Rec.

**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 September 05, 2018, County Court session, and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Marjorie Thelen, Harney County Democrats, presented to the Court a letter and a resolution regarding environmental protection, global warming and climate change concerns. The representatives of the Harney County Democrats shared their concerns regarding Community Based Water Planning (CBWP), they were as follows:

- Community Based Water Planning Hearings
- Deadlines
- County's action plan

Judge Runnels stated this is a collaborative project so Court has no say on the timeline but Commissioner Owens estimates it to be in place by 2021.

Other topics of discussion included weed spraying, crop dusting, water crisis, and the County's role regarding water permit usage.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **10:15 am – Appointment to HC Weed Board – Jesse Barnes, Grant Nikkel**

Jim Campbell discussed with the Court the openings on the Harney County Weed Board and recommended Jesse Barnes and Grant Nikkel. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the appointment of Jesse Barnes and Grant Nikkel to the Harney County Weed Board, and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

#### **10:30 am - Approval of Resolution 2018-18 Treasurer's Revolving Fund #618 Transfer to General Fund # 101**

Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-18 in the Matter of the Treasurer's Revolving Fund #618 Transfer to General Fund #101 (CJ2018-116) , and Commissioner Dorroh seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Application for Approval to install a Culvert AND/OR Approach from a County Road**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Application for Approval to Install a Culvert AND/OR Approach from a County Road by Kurt & Rachel Beaubien on Airport Road (CJ2018-119), and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion of Vacation of Abandoned/Undeveloped Town Plats**

Tabled for further discussion.

#### **Approval of Appointment of Pool Members for the Harney County Board of Property Tax Appeals**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the Order of Appointment in the Matter of Appointing a Pool of Member for the Harney County Board of Property Tax Appeals (CJ2018-118), and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Acknowledge of Deed for Successful bidder of County Land Sale Dapple Grey Sub-division acknowledged it was done correctly by Sheriff**

**The Harney County Wolf Advisory Committee is Active again.** Commissioner Dorroh updated the County Court on the Harney County Wolf Advisory Committee, its purpose, and present membership. The committee meets to discuss ways to assist livestock producers with non-lethal deterrent methods related to wolf depredation, and to make recommendations to the Harney County Court regarding any monetary, compensation, public safety, and other wolf – related issues. Current members include Wayne Smith, Kerry Boggs, Masie Custis, Suzanne Settle, Paul Gray, Ken Bentz, and Commissioner Dorroh.

11:30-12:00 Executive Session 2015 ORS 192.660 (2) (h.) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

1:30 pm - Supplemental Budget Hearing Creating a fund

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2018-17 in the Matter of Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriations (CJ2018-117), and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Water Use Requests**

**Correspondence**

Forest Service Malheur Prairie City Ranger District 09/26/2018 Sealed bids will be opened in the Supervisors Office for the Conroy DXPre sale

**Scheduling**

County Yard Sale Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am to 3 pm at the Fairgrounds Memorial Building  
Next Harney County Court is October 03, 2018 at the Harney County Court.

**Late Items**

None

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

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

County Court recessed at 11:30 a.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for the Supplemental Budget Hearing. The Supplemental Budget Hearing adjourned at 1:45 p.m. County Court adjourned @ 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kerry Opie*

Deputy Clerk II