



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

September 5, 2018

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens. Also in attendance were Tim Colahan, County Counsel; Angie Lamborn, Senior Center Director; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director

Public attending was Holly Orr, BLM; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Jim Campbell.

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 August 21, 2018, County Court session and Commissioner Owens seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Jim Campbell, on behalf of the neighbors on Airport Lane/Red Barn Lane regarding noise from truck compression breaks and concerns regarding the speed limit. Judge Runnels discussed the process to change the speed limit. Judge Runnels will address these issues with Eric Drushella, Roadmaster.

Old Business

Employee Recognition

The following employees were recognized for their service to Harney County:

Beth Brooks	Home Health/Hospice	5 years
Miranda Moulton	Dispatch	5 years
Joe Pettyjohn	Road Department	25 years

New Business

10:15 a.m. – Angie Lamborn, Harney County Senior Center, Acceptance/Approval of Harney County Statewide Transportation Bylaws

Angie Lamborn discussed the Harney County Special Transportation/Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STF/STIF) Advisory Committee Bylaws. Judge Runnels discussed the first advisory committee meeting and they reviewed the bylaws. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve the Harney County STF/STIF Advisory Committee Bylaws as presented, and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:20 a.m. – Approval of Appointing a Pool of Members for the Harney County Board of Property Tax Appeals

Tabled for the County Court meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

10:30 a.m. – Approval of Ordinance #2018-82 In the Matter of Establishing Harney County Open Burning Prohibited – When Burning Permits – Conditions violation – Penalty

Judge Runnels presented the Court with Ordinance #2018-82, which has been reviewed by Tim Colahan, County Counsel. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign Ordinance #2018-82 (CJ2018-112; 2018-1270), read by title only, In the Matter of Establishing Harney County Open Burning Prohibited - When Burning Permits – Conditions Violation – Penalty, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve and sign Ordinance #2018-82 (CJ2018-112; 2018-1270), read by title only, In the Matter of Establishing Harney County Open Burning Prohibited - When Burning Permits – Conditions Violation – Penalty, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

10:45 a.m. – Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement, Solar Farms

Judge Runnels and the Court discussed the solar farm projects in Harney County and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements between Harney County and South Burns Solar I LLC, Riley Solar I LLC, Suntex Solar LLC, Starvation Solar I LLC, West Hines Solar I LLC, and Harney Solar I LLC. Additional topics of discussion included possible impacts on the Harney County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and community support

of solar farms in Harney County. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements between Harney County and South Burns Solar I LLC, Riley Solar I LLC, Suntex Solar LLC, Starvation Solar I LLC, West Hines Solar I LLC, and Harney Solar I LLC, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. – Discussion Approval of RFP Workforce Housing Roadmap Technical Assistance Project

Commissioner Dorroh discussed a grant received by Harney County to fund the Harney County Workforce Housing Roadmap Technical Assistance Project. With the grant money received, the County proposed the hiring of a contractor to complete a roadmap to include tasks such as completion of a housing needs assessment, an inventory of housing, and an evaluation of market conditions to strengthen middle-class housing in the County. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to accept the RFP from Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) for the Workforce Housing Roadmap Technical Assistance Project, and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:15 a.m. – Approval of Order to Sell County Land

Judge Runnels, the Court, and Brandon McMullen discussed the Order In the Matter of County Land Sale, Approving Petition for County Land Sale #180905, and the process for County land sales. Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve In the Matter of County Land Sale, Order Approving Petition for County Land Sale #180905, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:30 a.m. – Approval of Steen’s Mountain Cooperative Management (SMAC) member, Kali Wilson

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve Katharine (Kali) Wilson as the Grazing Permittee member on the SMAC, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

Burns District BLM Environmental Assessment (EA), Unsigned Finding of No significant Impact (FONSI), analyzing effects of the Spay Feasibility and On-Range Behavioral Outcomes Assessment & Population Management Plan for Warm Springs Herd Management Area (HMA)

Scheduling

County Court Rural Meetings:

Frenchglen/Diamond

Thursday, October 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Diamond School

Crane

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 5:30-7 p.m. at Crane
School

Next County Court meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 9:15 a.m., County
Court Chambers.

Late Items

County Court signed a letter in support of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment
by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79p; and
Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Siting
Policies WT Docket No. 16-421.

Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)

For the Record

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk