



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

April 22, 2020

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, for a work session. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Kristen Shelman. Also in attendance were Jolene Cawlfied, Dr. Sarah Laiosa (by phone), and Barbara Rothgeb, Harney County Health Department and Rural Health Clinic; and Paul Gray, Emergency Management.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the meeting was closed to the public with public comment being received via telephone. All recommended health precautions were followed by County Court and Harney County employees.

Work Session 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

COVID-19 Discussion

Judge Runnels clarified the recent letters sent from the Court, and Representative Owens and Senator Findley, on how to lightly lift restrictions in Harney County. The letters were suggestions and not plans made to the Governor and the Oregon Health Authority. Before anything is done in the County, the County Court will discuss the plans with all interested parties to include Harney County Health Department and Rural Clinic, Harney District Hospital, and Emergency Management before any decisions are made. Paul Gray, Emergency Management, reminded the Court of the importance of communication between all parties. He also discussed the weekly PIO (Public Information Officer) meetings, Lodi Presley has been designated as the Harney County PIO. At Commissioner Dorroh and Commissioner Shelman's request, Paul said he would

add them to the notification for PIO meetings so they have the option to phone in and listen. Jolene Cawlfeld, Barbara Rothgeb, and Dr. Sarah Laiosa, Harney County Health Department and Rural Health Clinic, topics of discussion included: 1) Harney County is ready to move towards opening up of businesses and services at this time; 2) main concerns are for The Aspens and Ashley Manor, congregate living situations; 3) availability and adequate supply of PPE (personal protective equipment) for the County; 4) paramedic staffing; 5) contact tracing of COVID-19, staffing and investigation; 6) COVID-19 safety business practices of essential businesses; and 7) community liaison to assist local businesses.

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 April 8, 2020, County Court session and Commissioner Shelman seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

New Business

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

None

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

May 6, 2020

May 20, 2020

Harney County Fair Board Meeting Schedule:

May 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Building, Harney County Fairgrounds

Late Items

Commissioner Dorroh will begin work on a COVID-19 County Plan based on Governor Brown's re-opening presentation that would implement the rollout, what pieces need to be in place and an estimate on how much it would cost to implement the plan. AOC would like the draft plan by Friday, April 24, 2020.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

With no further business, County Court adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk