



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

April 8, 2020

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Kristen Shelman. Also in attendance were Paul Gray, Emergency Management; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; and Eric Drushella, Road Department.

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 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 March 26, 2020, County Court session and Commissioner Shelman seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Herb Vloedman requested information regarding the PILT funding and property tax payments. Judge Runnels said the PILT funds are expected in the last week of June in the amount of approximately \$1.1m and the County just received the Secure Rural School payment this week. Judge Runnels has not had any discussions with the Tax Collector regarding tax payments due May 15, 2020.

Old Business

Eric Drushella, Road Department, Requests for Harney County Parcels Land Purchase

Judge Runnels presented a letter to the Court from Eric Drushella, Harney County Road Department, requested the Court to deny the application to purchase County owned property account #22260 by Carysfort Reef, LLC. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to honor Eric Drushella's request to not sell the property previously requested and sign the letter to the potential buyers (CJ2020-61), and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Karen Moon, Watershed Council Yearly Report (via phone)

Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council, presented the Court with the Watershed Council 2019 Yearly Report. The main project areas were community-based water planning, Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative, capacity, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Small Grant Program, and High Desert Youth Range Camp. Additional topics of discussion included Harney County Agrimet stations, and Monitoring ET in the Harney Basin (Eddy Covariant Stations).

Paul Gray, Emergency Management, COVID-19 Update

Paul Gray, Emergency Management, presented the Court with the Oregon COVID-19 Daily Update, summary as of Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Topics of discussion included volunteering staffing, grants, COVID-19 testing, and a review of the Oregon COVID-19 Daily Update.

Resolution #2020-06, Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations Within Categories

Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2020-06. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-06, Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations within funds Public Health/RHC #245, Fairgrounds Reserve #326, and Harney County Building Fund #356 (CJ2020-62), and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2020-07, Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition, Fairboard Memorial Fund #253

Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2020-07. Commissioner Shelman made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-07 in the Matter of Appropriating Funds due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition Fairboard Memorial Fund #253 (CJ2020-63), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2020-08, Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition, Predator Control Fund #243

Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2020-08. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-08 in the Matter of Appropriating Funds due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition Predator Control fund #243 (CJ2020-64), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2020-10, Amending Resolution #2019-25, For the Vacation of Streets Located in the Townsite of Crane

Judge Runnels discussed Resolution #2020-10. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-10 in the Matter of Amending Resolution #2019-25 for the Vacation of Streets Located in the Townsite of Crane Or, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m., Eric Drushella, Road Department, Opening of Asphalt Bids

Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, was present for the opening of the asphalt bids. Three (3) bids were received from 1) Western States Asphalt, 2) Albina Asphalt, and 3) Idaho Asphalt. After a review of all the bids, Eric Drushella recommended to the Court that Idaho Asphalt be the supplier for the 2020 paving season. Judge

Runnels made a Motion to approve the asphalt bid from Idaho Asphalt the apparent low bidder and on the recommendation of Eric Drushella, Road Department, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Drushella discussed the COVID-19 safeguards and procedures the Harney County Road Department is taking to keep the employees safe while working.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

None

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:

April 22, 2020

May 6, 2020

Harney County Fair Board Meeting Schedule:

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

Rural Meetings

Postponed, TBA

Late Items

Harney County entities will continue to follow COVID-19 recommendations for the month of April, 2020. Commissioner Dorroh expressed her concern for local small businesses in Harney County during this unprecedented shut-down. Andrea Latham, Treasure Valley Community College/Small Business Development Center (TVCC/SBDC) Advisor, has been visiting main street businesses to provide support and information on possible funds available.

Additional topics of discussion included broadband and the 2020/2021 budget.

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

For the Record

Adjournment

With no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk