



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

June 17, 2020

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Kristen Shelman. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Paul Gray, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer.

Public attending: Rick Paul, Barbara Cannady, Jackie Yorton, and Connie Kristensen.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the meeting will be limited to the first six (6) individuals. Those unable to attend may use the following numbers, please call in comments on 877-402-9757, access code 2049901# beginning at 10:05 a.m. These calls will be recorded and included in the Court minutes and video for public record.

Work Session 9:15-10:00 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 June 3, 2020, County Court meeting and Commissioner Shelman seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Jackie Yorton requested information regarding Harney County Emergency Management, and what plans were in place to address potential protests in Harney County. Judge Runnels, including the Commissioners, and Paul Gray, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, discussed the funding, staffing, and duties of Emergency Management, and advised her to speak with the Harney County Sheriff if she had any further questions regarding any plans if Harney County experiences any protests.

Connie Kristensen discussed the Order to approve sale of County Owned Land Account #8223, Tim Woods property. She reported she lives next door to the property and it is very contaminated. She is concerned about 6-foot-deep holes dug on the property that are filled with garbage. Judge Runnels will advise the purchasers of the known issues associated with the property. Further discussion included the Harney County Nuisance Ordinance, completed clean up by the County (removal of any dilapidated and unsafe structures), DEQ involvement, and purchaser's clean-up responsibilities.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ordinance #2020-02 First Reading of Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Ordinance Implementing

The Court discussed Ordinance #2020-02, the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT), and the recent meeting between the Court, local hotel owners, and Cities of Hines and Burns officials. Commissioner Shelman made a Motion in the Matter of an Ordinance Implementing the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) within Harney County; Providing Administrative Procedures for Collection, Refunds and Enforcement; Establishing Penalties; and Providing for an Allocation of the Funds Dedicated to

Tourism Promotion and County Services, first reading by title only. The Motion was seconded by Judge Runnels and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #2020-03 First Reading of Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance Imposing

Commission Dorroh made a Motion to approve Ordinance #2020-03 In the Matter of an Ordinance Imposing a Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) within Harney County; Creating a Promotion and Tourism Fund; Providing for Collection and Enforcement; and Establishing Penalties, and Referring it to the People, first reading by title only. The Motion was seconded by Judge Runnels and, with no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2020-15, Short Term Inter Fund Loan from Road Department Operating Reserve Fund #250 to General Fund #101

Judge Runnels discussed Resolution #2020-15. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-15 in the Matter of Approving a Short Term Inter Fund Loan from Road Department Operating Reserve Fund #250 to General Fund #1010, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2020-16, Unexpected Occurrence 911 Emergency Fund #223

Judge Runnels and Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed Resolution #2020-16. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-16 in the Matter of Appropriating Funds Due to Unexpected Occurrence or Condition 911 Emergency Fund #223, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dorroh, Letter to Governor Brown, Youth Sports & Extra Curricular Activities

Commissioner Dorroh read and discussed the letter to Governor Brown requesting to reconsider, revise, and refine the recreational sports guidance for Phase II Reopening in Oregon. Judge Runnels made a Motion to sign and send the letter to Governor Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. The letter will be also be sent to Sen. Lynn Findley, Rep. Mark Owens, Sen. Bill Hansell, Leah Horner, Nik Blosser, Sara Gamaney, and Gina Nikkel.

Court Order to Approve Sale of County Owned Land Account #8223, Tim Woods Property

Judge Runnels discussed the Order. Commissioner Shelman made the Motion to approve the Order Approving Petition for County Land Sale #8223, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

None

Scheduling

Budget Meeting Schedule:

June 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Public Hearing to Approve the Budget

June 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m. County Court to Adopt the Budget, Levy Tax, and Categorize Tax

County Court Meeting Schedule:

July 1, 2020, 9:15 a.m., TLT Ordinances #2020-02 and #2020-03, Second Reading

July 15, 2020, 9:15 a.m.

Late Items

Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments Project on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District

Commissioner Shelman discussed the Comments of the Harney County Court on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments Project on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District. Commissioner Shelman made a Motion to approve the Comments of the Harney County Court on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments Project on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

E-Mail from Gina Nikkel, AOC, Choose 1 Commissioner per County for Weekly Meetings by District with Leah Horner, Governor's Office

Judge Runnels discussed the e-mail received from Gina Nikkel on June 16, 2020, which recognized the challenges for Counties to get a direct line of communication to the Governor's Office due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each County was asked to select a County representative to participate in a weekly small group video call that will serve as a venue for information sharing and improved communication. The meeting can focus on COVID-19 or any other topic of County Concern. The Court agreed to rotate participation, with Judge Runnels participating in the first video call, start date to be announced.

The Court also discussed the AOC District 2 Annual Meeting to be hosted by Harney County on September 25, 2020. The Court discussed having the meeting at the Harney County Fairgrounds and discussed possible catering options such as Juniper Cookhouse. The Court will continue to discuss the meeting details.

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

Adjournment

With no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston

Deputy Clerk