



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

May 20, 2020

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Kristen Shelman. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk; Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer; and Paul Gray, Emergency Management Director.

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 May 6, 2020, County Court meeting and Commissioner Shelman seconded the Motion. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Paul Gray, County Emergency Manager, COVID-19 Update

Paul Gray, Emergency Manager/Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator, advised the Court the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been closed and the County is now moving into the COVID-19 Recovery Phase which is usually taken over by a specialized team. Commissioner Patty Dorroh is in charge of this phase which includes Harney County Economic Development and the Harney County Chamber of Commerce. The Emergency Response Office is focusing on personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution and procurement. Additional topics of discussion included submission of figures for federal funding, added funding for the 2020/21 Harney County Budget, COVID-19 expenditures and expenses, and economic recovery. Paul also requested his position be changed to full-time Oregon Emergency Management and add a half-time position through PHEP. This request will be presented to the Budget Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

Resolution #2020-12 In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2020-05 Declaring a Local State of Emergency within Harney County

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-12 In the Matter of Amending Resolution #2020-05 Declaring a Local State of Emergency within Harney County, the local State of Emergency shall expire on September 30, 2020, unless extended by the Court (CJ2020-80). The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelman and, with no further the discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Road Naming Request Notification – Mocan, Jonathan & Kristie

Commissioner Shelman made a Motion to approve Resolution #2020-13 In the Matter of Road Naming in the County of Harney, State of Oregon, Sunrise Rd. (CJ2020-79), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order for the Distribution of Sale of County Land Fund for May 20, 2020

Bobbi Jo Heany, Treasurer, discussed the Court Order. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the County Court Order in the Matter of the Distribution of Sale of County Land Funds (CJ2020-78), and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Zabala, Harney County Tax Collector; Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes

Judge Runnels discussed the Order. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve the Order in the Matter of Request for Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes ORS 311.790 from the Harney County Fixed Asset Rolls (Account #70569 and #74655) (CJ2020-77), and seconded by Commissioner Shelman. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Patty Dorroh; Final Approval of Harney County Re-Opening Plan

Commissioner Dorroh discussed revisions to the previously signed plan dated May 8, 2020. Judge Runnels made a Motion to approve the Harney County Reopening Plan COVID-19 dated 5/15/2020 with amendments requested by the State of Oregon, and seconded by Commissioner Shelman (CJ2020-81). With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Bargain & Sale Deeds

Judge Runnels discussed the deed process for County property sold with the approval of the Court. Property sales approved by the Court should be signed by the Court, not the Harney County Sheriff. The Deeds for five (5) previously sold County-owned properties were signed in error by the Harney County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Shelman made a Motion to approve the signing of the Bargain & Sale Deeds for Melinda Maupin and Robert Wocelka (Document #2020-0579), Harney County Post #63 American Legion (Document #2020-0581), Rae-Jean Neumann and Gretchen Nichols (Document #2020-0580), Ora Miller (Document #2020-0583), and W. Reid and Linda G. Taylor (Document #2020-0582), and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Federal Lands Sub-Committee at Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)

The Court discussed an e-mail received from AOC regarding the Federal Lands Sub-Committee. The AOC requested a decision from Harney County whether the sub-committee should continue or be disbanded. After some discussion, the Court agreed that the sub-committee should be disbanded. Judge Runnels will relay the County Court's decision to AOC.

Review of Water Use Requests

Correspondence

None

Scheduling

Budget Meeting Schedule:

May 27, 2020, 9a-12p

June 17, 2020, 1:30p

June 24, 2020, 1:30p

County Court Meeting Schedule:

June 3, 2020

Late Items

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