



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

February 17, 2021

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Kristen Shelman. Also attending the session was Derrin Robinson, Harney County Clerk.

The Court was Joined by Community Member & Budget Committeeperson Rick Paul.

A list of public attending is on file.

Work Session 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Voucher Approval

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Dorroh asked if the meeting minutes from the previous County Court sessions were ready for review. The Clerk stated they would be ready for the next Court meeting and for County Court approval.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Elected Officials Compensation Board: The County Court discussed creating an Elected Officials Compensation Board. The recommendation is to set up the committee as per

ORS. Judge Runnels will advertise for the appointments to the committee, preferably three to five members.

Rural Community Meetings: The Court discussed the schedule for Crane and Diamond/Frenchglen meetings. The Diamond/Frenchglen meeting will take place at the Diamond School at 6:00 pm on March 4, 2021.

Mosquito and Vector Control Contract: The Court reviewed a presentation from Three Rivers Mosquito and Vector Control. Court agreed to move forward with contract negotiations.

Temporary Employee Hiring Policy: The Temporary Employee Hiring Policy was reviewed. Commissioner Shelman moved to approve the Temporary Employee Hiring Policy. Commissioner Dorroh seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Harney Homes Project: The County Court discussed available lots for the first Harney Home project. Judge Runnels reviewed the available lots and asked for approval to move forward with legal counsel to transfer the property for the project. The Court also discussed that if there was a house or a duplex, the court preferred a house at this point. By consensus, the court agreed to move forward with the project.

County Website: Commissioner Shelman discussed the county website. The County Court stated there is a need to recreate graphics, remove videos, update, reorganize and revise the website. Judge Runnels will ask that departments review their own pages, and seek the webmaster to provide a new revised platform.

Correspondence

Oregon Water Resource Department Activity Report: No concerns.

Commissioner Shelman presented a draft letter from the Court to the Oregon legislative Chair regarding HB 2728 and how the hearings process has been handled. It expresses dissatisfaction with the lack of balance and fairness for both proponents and opponents of the bill to be heard. Commissioner Dorroh supported the letter. Judge Runnels asked if it harmed the outcome of the bill in any way, but did support the letter. Judge Runnels agreed to get it on letterhead and circulate for signature. Court agreed

Scheduling

County Court Meeting Schedule:
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Late Items

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

The Court Adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

