



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

March 17, 2021

The Harney County Court convened in County Court Chamber at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 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 Committee person 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 that the meeting minutes from the previous February 03, 2021 County Court sessions be delayed to next meeting on April 07.

Commissioner Dorroh made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17 and March 03, 2021 County Court Meetings. Commissioner Shelman Seconded and unanimously passed and approved.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

The Court discussed the schedule for the County Court Community meeting in Crane.

None

New Business

Signing and approval, The Court again briefly reviewed, Three Rivers Mosquito and Vector Control Contract. (CJ2021-34) The County Court agreed to move forward with contract negotiations. Commissioner Shelman made a motion to sign the Three Rivers Mosquito and Vector 2021- 2023 Contract. Commissioner Dorroh seconded and unanimously passed and approved.

Commissioner Dorroh - NACo Legislative Conference Updates Commissioner Dorroh provided an update on the NACo Legislative Conference Updates (CJ2021-35) handout provided.

Judge Runnels provided additional verbal updates from the NACO Conference

The Crane County Court Community meeting is scheduled for May 17 @ 6:00 pm. They would like to share their new science building with the Court prior to the meeting.

Harney County Road Department Application for approval to install a Culvert And/or Approach from a County Road Judge Runnels made a motion to approve the Application to install a Culvert and/or Approach from a County Road for applicants Dave and Erin Ferre 700 Knight Drive Hines, OR. Commissioner Shelman Seconded and unanimously passed and approved.

Resolution 2021-02 Fair Board Memorial #253 Unexpected Occurrence or Condition

Frontier Wild Committee discussion on where the funds need to be placed elsewhere most possibly needs to be separate from the County Funds. Commissioner Dorroh made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 Fair Board Memorial #253 Unexpected Occurrence or Condition Commissioner Shelman Seconded and unanimously passed and approved.

Resolution 2021-03 Harney County Fair fund #252 Unexpected Occurrence or Condition

This is the additional money received that needs to be appropriated. Commissioner Dorroh made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 Fair Board Memorial #252 Unexpected Occurrence or Condition. Commissioner Shelman seconded and unanimously passed and approved.

Discussion and follow up on building issues with Commissioners concerning public happenings with both cities and County. Brandon, Bret and Howard were present to answer questions. The County is not the building police. Maintaining codes and

regulations is what needs to happen regardless. Our inspectors are very good and have made a huge impact County wide.

There are three jurisdictions, the County and both of the incorporated cities, Burns and Hines. The discussion addressed the regulations and who is responsible when permitting is in process. If they do not have a permit the responsibility belongs to the owner of the property. Credentials for building inspections were discussed and how a person becomes qualified and certified. It is not just taking a test; it now requires a degree or an apprenticeship. Hiring is limited as the private sector is more lucrative than working for the County. Judge Runnels stated the County supports the building department.

There will be a meeting with the cities next Thursday to discuss the concerns and to verbalize what is happening in each jurisdiction. This is a work session and Brandon will put together bullet points to address and have conversation on.

The commissioners requested sample IGA intergovernmental agreements to look at.

Water Resource Reports, no concerns.

Adjourned

With no further business, County Court adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Opie, Deputy Clerk

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