

HARNEY COUNTY COURT MEETING

October 20, 2010

→The Harney County Court convened on Wednesday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Steven E. Grasty's office. Members attending were Judge Steve Grasty and Commissioners Dan Nichols and Jack Drinkwater. Also attending were County Road Supervisor Eric Drushella, Patty Dorroh, Director, Commission on Children and Families and Chief Deputy County Clerk Derrin Robinson.

→Public Attending were; Hilda Allison, Pete Runnels, Linda Johnson, Pam Mather, Hines City Administrator, Tonya Fox and Mike Simpson, of Training and Employment Consortium, Mary Ausmus, and Randy Parks of the Burns Times-Herald.

→Judge Grasty led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

→Commissioner Drinkwater made a motion to approve the October 6, 2010 minutes as mailed, Commissioner Nichols seconded, motion carried unanimously.

→Statistical and Financial reports were reviewed and vouchers approved by Court's signature.

→Pam Mather, Hines City Administrator was present to discuss a county- owned alley in Hines. The City of Hines is requesting the court to donate that alley back to the City of Hines. The court agreed that it was logical to transfer ownership to the City. Judge Grasty will discuss the transfer process with County Counsel, and move forward from there. He stated he will have GIS Coordinator Bryce Mertz look at all the other odd lots in this situation, and possibly include those as well.

→Mike Simpson, Training and Employment Consortium, was present to review successes that came from funding of \$6,000.00 to help fund the OYCC youth summer program. He gave a presentation of accomplishment for the summer with that funding, which included wages for 15 youth and 3 adults. Mr. Simpson also submitted a letter requesting \$6,000.00 again for the year around program. Judge Grasty stated that it is budgeted in the county budget for title III programs.

→Patty Dorroh, Director, Commission on Children and Families, was present seeking approval of Amendment # 4 of the Intergovernmental Agreement for funding from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. Commissioner

→Nichols moved to approve the amendment, and authorize Judge Grasty to sign, Commissioner Nichols second, motion carried unanimously.

→Mrs. Dorroh and Commissioner Nichols discussed their recent attendance and the State Coalition of Commissions on Children and Families. With State funding in the situation it is, continued state support for local commissions will be a challenge in the upcoming legislative session. Mrs. Dorroh reiterated that 17 people are employed here because of these locally managed programs.

→Randy Fulton, Economic Development Officer, gave a report to the court of recent development efforts. Mr. Fulton had a lengthy list of efforts and leads that do look promising.

→Judge Grasty gave the court an update on the Sage Grouse Strategy. He stated it will remain his focus until it gets resolved.

→Commissioner Drinkwater moved to Proclaim October 30, 2010 *Portland Youth Philharmonic Day* in Harney County, and welcome back the sagebrush orchestra as the Portland Youth Philharmonic to Harney County. Commissioner Nichols second, and the motion carried unanimously. The framed Proclamation will be presented to the Philharmonic when they perform here on October 30, 2010.

→Judge Grasty shared a letter from Harney Behavioral Health, stating they had received unexpected revenue for a new program called Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI), in the amount of \$45,000.00. They were requesting approval of the unexpected revenue, additional salary expense of \$28,000.00 for the AMHI administrator position, in the form of a Budget Resolution. Commissioner Nichols asked to have Chris Siegner, Director, attend County Court on November 3, to explain what "AMHI" is and what the program will do. He reiterated, as with all other grant funded programs, when the funding runs out, the position would be eliminated. Judge Grasty said he would schedule a presentation for next court meeting.

→The court discussed an amicus curia brief on a lawsuit regarding storm water run off from county roads. This brief is being prepared by the Association of Oregon Counties.

Judge Grasty explained there is another brief being prepared by Ron Yockim, relating to standing on appeals. This brief will cost between \$9,000.00 and \$10, 000.00 to be shared between 9 counties.

→The Court reviewed Amendment #1 to the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009 Agreement, Local Agency Agreement for Fund Distribution for Double OO & Narrows-Princeton and East Steens Road. County Road Superintendent Eric Drushella stated they have started without yet receiving the revenue because the work had to be done, regardless. He said their window of opportunity to do the crushing was getting short, and it would be needed anyway. He stated Anderson-Perry Engineering will help analyze what parts of the project to bid, and what to do in-house. Mr. Drushella stated that the short of it is, if we want the money we need to sign this amendment. Commissioner Drinkwater moved to sign the amendment as presented, Commissioner Nichols second, the motion carried unanimously.

→The Court discussed the vacancies on the Fair Board. There are currently two vacancies. Don Slone, Fair Manager stated in a letter that they will be advertising for the positions, and the County Court will go through an application and interview process to fill the vacancies on the Fair Board.

→The court discussed a vacancy on the Harney Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Commissioner Nichols moved to appoint Bob Yunker to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Commissioner Drinkwater second, the motion carried unanimously.

→Judge Grasty stated that he realized prior to lunch that the microphone cord was not plugged in completely, and the sound was not being recorded.

→Brandon McMullen, Planning Director, Tony West, Lake County Building Official, and Ken Gerschler, Lake County Community Development Director, were present to discuss administration of a local onsite Septic Program, currently administered by DEQ. Mr. McMullen reviewed with the court the proposed program. The fee schedule is proposed at 60% less than the DEQ fee schedule is currently. Both Counties will need a formal Intergovernmental Agreement. By consensus the court was in favor of this proposal. Judge Grasty volunteered Harney County Counsel to draft the IGA. The Counties will take over administration of the On-site Septic Program, effective January 3, 2011, if the IGA is in place by that date.

→The court reviewed notices of water use requests; there were no objections to any requests.

→The court acknowledged the resignation of Jeff Dorroh, from the Planning Commission. The Planning Dept. is actively recruiting applicants for the Planning Commission.

→Due to scheduling conflicts the Court discussed court dates for November and December. The County Court dates will be: November 3, and 22, and a special meeting on Dec 8, for accounts payable only, as there will not be an accounts payable run on Dec 1. 2010.

→There being no further business, the court adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, C.R.A, C.E.A
Chief Deputy Harney County Clerk