

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANT**

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March 17th, 2023 – SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to notice made to the newspaper of general circulation throughout Grant County, the radio station, county website, and e-mail distribution list, a regular meeting of the County Court was held at the County Courthouse in Canyon City, OR.

9:00 am -- Call to Order. Court Staff present were Judge Scott W. Myers, Commissioner Jim Hamsher, Commissioner John Rowell and Administrative Assistant Laurie Stinnett. Also present were John Morris, Charlene Morris, Frances Preston and Kathy Smith.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. The Court reviewed for appointment the applications for open positions on the Volunteer Committees.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve the appointment of Emma Winkleman to the position of 4H & Extension District Advisory Board. Approval unanimous.

4H & EXTENSION DISTRICT AUDIT AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH SOLUTIONS CPAS. Solutions CPAS will provide the upcoming audit for the 4H & Extension District.

MSP: Hamsher/Rowell – to approve the Solutions Audit Agreement with 4H & Extension Service District and the signature of Judge Myers.

HOUSE BILL 3158. Commissioner Hamsher read a letter in opposition to the house bill. It is estimated that the cost to the Road Department would be conservatively over 10 million dollars to replace equipment specified by the bill. The department noted a disturbing trend of significant down-time in the newer equipment in comparison to their older equipment; a significant detriment to the department.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (continued).

MSP: Myers/Hamsher - to appoint Kathy Smith to fill the position of Budget Committee 3 (BC3) with a term expiration of 12-31-2024 to fill the vacancy left by Rob Stewart. Approval unanimous.

MSP: Myers/Rowell - to appoint Charlene Morris to fill the position of Budget Committee 2 (BC2) with a term expiration of 12-31-2023 to fill a vacancy on the committee. Approval unanimous.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT. Kaylie Clark, Victims Assistance Director, requested the Court's permission to apply for a grant which was received last year in the amount of \$51,000. State law requires that every county utilize a multidisciplinary approach to address child abuse and employ a team to address the issue within the county.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve the request for the application to move forward and any future signatures as required. Approval unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Charlene Morris asked if the County was aware of the proposed house bill 3214 regarding the ban of rodeo animals. Judge Myers noted that the Court was currently involved in the opposition to the bill, specifically with Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA).

Adjourned 9:14 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Stinnett

Administrative Assistant

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