

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

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August 16th, 2023 – Regular Meeting of the County Court

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.

CLAIMS. The court had approved Claims & Extension Warrants 16-22.

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Judge Scott W. Myers, Commissioner Jim Hamsher, Commissioner John Rowell, Administrative Assistant Laurie Stinnett, Reporter Neil Nisperos, Judy Kerr, Frances Preston, John Morris, Millie Lysne, Tammy Workman and Alan Hickerson.

AGENDA. Review of the agenda for August 16th, 2023.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher -- to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Sheriff's contract with the City of Prairie City. There will be a short Road Service District meeting at 11am. Approval unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JUDGE MYERS August 3rd – performed a wedding on the footbridge; 8th – a Road Service District (RSD) meeting at 3pm; 14th- Airport Commission meeting; will participate in the Ride for Life this afternoon; 26th - perform a wedding at Magone Lake. The next court meeting will be held on September 6th and the following meeting scheduled for September 20th will be moved to the 19th or 21st. Myers also attended the Fair.

COMMISSIONER ROWELL 8/4 – Oregon business broadband meeting online; 8/7 EOU board of trustees reception; 8/10 - attended the Library Advisory Board meeting; 8/14 – SFJDWC tour of Murderers Creek Meadows; 8/15 – attended online Blues Intergovernmental Council (BIC) meeting; 8/15 – attended John Day City Council Open House to discuss compliance with the state of Oregon statutes. Rowell also worked at the Information Booth at the fair.

COMMISSIONER HAMSHER judged the Junior Rodeo; attended the Fair and Concert; judged bull fighting on Saturday night; attended the Public Lands meeting with NACO, the Oregon Broadband meeting and the EOU meeting. Hamsher attended the Grant County Fair and complimented its operation.

MINUTES. To approve the minutes of August 2nd, 2023.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve the minutes as presented. Approval unanimous.

VACATE A PORTION OF THE 3A ROAD. Roadmaster Alan Hickerson gave a history of the Monument 3A Road. Sometime in the early 60s, the State Highway Department moved the Monument-Hepner Highway; the County, in turn, moved the 3 Road. The 3A Road leading to the Monument airport remained. The upper portion of the road was not vacated although it became unusable. Adjoining landowners were contacted and were in favor of vacating the road.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve the vacation of the portion of the 3A Road in Monument as recommended by the Road Department. Approval unanimous.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY. Commissioner John Rowell was approved as an authorized signatory on the County bank accounts.

MSP: Myers/Rowell – to approve Commissioner John Rowell as an authorized signatory on the County's US Bank and Bank of Eastern Oregon accounts. Approval unanimous.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEMA TRAINING. A local FEMA training took place at the John Day Airport; lunch was provided. Organizer Eric Bush was unaware that drinks were not included with the lunch and personally purchased drinks for the luncheon. The exception to the policy was made after consideration of the circumstances.

MSP: Hamsher/Rowell - To approve the reimbursement for the purchase of refreshment/drinks for the FEMA training. Approval unanimous.

LIBRARY. EASTER SEALS HOST. Christine Ostberg, Head Librarian, requested the Court's approval to become a host agency for the Easter Seals program. This program, used ten years ago, funded the hiring of a part-time employee. The program is renewable yearly and would fund the hire of a low-income 55 and older citizen of the community.

MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to move forward with the application as presented. Approval unanimous.

GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST. Also requested was the Court's approval to receive a \$5000 grant offered to the library. Ostberg's plans are to use the funds to cover the purchase of all books and audios, which would allow her to use other funds to purchase new children's furniture.

MSP: Myers/Rowell – to move forward to accept the grant as use the funds as described. Approval unanimous.

SHERIFF'S SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT. Sheriff Todd McKinley asked that the County add to the budget the projected \$120,000.00 from the Grant County Education Services District (ESD) since that contract has now been fully executed. He asked that the Court approve a treasurer's resolution to receive and appropriate those funds. Deputy Mike Durr will assume the position of School Resource Officer (SRO), and will serve four county schools including Dayville, Monument, Long Creek and Prairie City. McKinley noted that the contract with the City of Prairie City for extra patrol hours has also been fully executed and they have begun to increase their presence and activity there.

MSP: Hamsher/Rowell – to approve the request to appropriate funds for the position of School Resource Officer.

MSP: Hamsher/Rowell – motion to adjourn the meeting. Approval unanimous.

9:50 a.m. – Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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