

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

October 12, 2016

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

SENATE BILL (SB) 561 - COORDINATING COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUICIDE TO PREVENT CONTAGION

Sandra Raven, a member of the State Youth Suicide Prevention Alliance, and the State Children's Systems Advisory Committee, met with the Court. Also present was Juvenile Department Director Susan Gregory and Annette Serrano from Lifeways. Ms. Raven visited with the Court about SB 561, which is a legislative mandate for coordinated response to youth suicide. Local mental health authorities are charged with coordinating with local community partners to establish a communication protocol, response protocol, and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) notification protocol. A plan is to be developed and is to include: Crises Response - Active, early postvention; Therapy Centered Techniques - immediate and over time; and Containment Strategies - now and long term. Ms. Raven explained that she has been meeting with numerous community partners in an effort to get the momentum going to accomplish this legislative mandate. Most organizations have a plan and now a coordinated response needs to be developed to ensure that the information given to the community is timely and appropriate and contains "safe messaging".

Ms. Raven explained that Malheur County has the opportunity to participate as a pilot community in a program called Connect. Connect is a national organization that provides training and helps coordinate the postvention work. (Postvention is a term coined to mean the multiple interventions and actions taken after a death by suicide (post suicide intervention) to assist in recovery and mitigate trauma.) There is some funding available to pilot communities participating in Connect.

Ms. Gregory explained that it is the local mental health authorities who have the responsibility to coordinate with local community partners and develop the Plan required under SB 561; and the local mental health authority in Malheur County is the County Court.

Ms. Serrano explained that herself, and Sandy Shelton from Lifeways will be attending the next AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) meeting and this topic will be discussed. Lifeways currently has several programs in place including a Crises Intervention Team (CIT) and a Crises Stress Debriefing Team. The Teams involve law enforcement and first responders and training is provided twice a year. These programs are setup to respond to crises within the community. Lifeways has encountered some difficulties getting into the local schools. Additionally, there are other outreach prevention programs such as Tool Box and Mental Health First Aid in place.

Ms. Gregory explained that her, and Ms. Raven will be setting up meetings with school counselors and superintendents to further discuss the matter.

The Court indicated their support for participating as a Connect pilot site. The Court requested that Ms. Raven further meet with Lifeways staff as Lifeways is the County's mental health provider. Lifeways will need to review the Connect program requirements before committing to the program.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of September 28, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R16-29: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statute) 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate the spending of additional funds received, but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) Grant funds were received for teen pregnancy prevention activities. See instrument #[2016-3496](#)

BOPTA ORDER

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Order No. GO-09-16: In the Matter of the Appointment of Members to the 2017 Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) Chairperson's Pool and Non-Office Holding Pool. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gary Fugate and Noble Morinaka will serve in the Chairperson's Pool; Noble Morinaka, Roger Corigall and Edwin Heid will serve in the Non-Office Holding Pool. See instrument # [2016-3495](#)

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #28-16 to Idaho Power to install an overhead transformer bank for a pump on S Rd K #7311; and Crossing Permit #27-16 to Track Utilities to bore across Railroad Avenue #874 to provide new telecom service to a solar farm. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.