

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2017**

County Court met with Commissioner Larry Wilson and Commissioner Don Hodge present. Staff present was Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards, Undersheriff Travis Johnson, Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth, and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

**ORDER DESIGNATING NEWSPAPER**

Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth met with the Court regarding designating a newspaper for publication of the 2017 tax foreclosure list. Ms. Forsyth requested the Argus Observer be designated. Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the publication of the 2017 tax foreclosure list in the Argus Observer as requested by Ms. Forsyth. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. Order No. GO-08-17 In the Matter of the Designation of a Newspaper for the Publication of the 2017 Malheur County Tax Foreclosure List was signed. See instrument # [2017-3225](#)

Ms. Forsyth left the meeting.

**ROAD ACCEPTANCE - PARTITION PLAT**

Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards met with the Court and presented a road dedication on a partition plat for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept the road dedication of a portion of N Rd. F on Michael Schaffeld's Partition Plat #17-08. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # [2017-3223](#)

Mr. Edwards left the meeting.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Undersheriff Travis Johnson met with the Court and provided an update on staffing in the dispatch center. One new dispatcher was hired and will be starting work soon. A background check is being done on another applicant to possibly fill the second vacancy. It is expected that another staff member will retire by the end of this year; due to the pending retirement Undersheriff Johnson requested authorization to begin the advertising/hiring process for the pending vacancy. The Court had no objections to starting the hiring process.

Undersheriff Johnson also presented the temporary employment agreement with Cliff Hill. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Malheur County Sheriff Deputy - employment of PERS retiree Temporary Employment Agreement with Cliff Hill. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. The agreement terminates December 31, 2017. See instrument # [2017-3244](#)

The Court members also visited with Undersheriff Johnson about the possibility of the County providing housing for a Jordan Valley deputy on the County owned property in Jordan Valley. Undersheriff Johnson will research the idea further.

Undersheriff Johnson left the meeting.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of August 9, 2017 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

### **ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT - GREGORY SMITH & COMPANY**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve First Addendum to Contract for Personal Services: Malheur County Economic Development Consultant/Coordinator. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. Additional professional services are needed outside the scope of services under the original contract in order to proceed with a Malheur County reload facility project and to begin work associated with HB 2017. The addendum terminates December 31, 2017 and the additional compensation for the professional services is \$3,000 per month from August-December 2017. See instrument # [2017-3226](#)

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.