

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

January 17, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Office of the Malheur County Courthouse with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Members of the media, public, and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Present in the meeting room were Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski and Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and those persons who have requested notice. The meeting was audio recorded. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2024-127

LETTER - WAYS & MEANS

Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski met with the Court and presented a letter to members of the Ways and Means Committee requesting funding in the Oregon Legislative Session to plan for and design a new courthouse for the 9th Judicial District (Circuit Court). The letter addresses current challenges of the 9th Judicial District; those challenges include Judicial Capacity, Staff Capacity, Jury Capacity, Dependency Needs, Cultural Needs, Border Issues, and Holding Facilities. Commissioner Jacobs moved that the Court sign the letter. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2024-128

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of January 10, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes (Move Oregon Border meeting) of January 8, 2024 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IGA - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Lifeways CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Steve Jensen was present electronically to answer any questions the Court may have had concerning the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for the financing of community mental health. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the 2024-2025 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services, Agreement # PO-44300-00026018. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Agreement expires June 30, 2025. The County contracts for the operation of the programs with Lifeways. See instrument # 2024-130 Oregon Health Authority made changes to the IGA, corrected IGA is recorded as instrument # 2024-164 (replaces instrument #2024-130)

EASTERN OREGON BORDER BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to submit the following names to the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board: John Kirby, Kimi Maag, Cheri Hung, Nicole Bergquist, and Emelia Padilla. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed

unanimously. Border Board has solicited for persons interested in serving on the board and these individuals have expressed interest. There is one vacancy on the Board; the Governor makes the appointment.

PLANNING DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Court will review and score the applications that have been submitted for the Planning Director vacancy; interviews will be scheduled for January 31, 2024.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - WEIR

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Temporary Employment Agreement to Perform Duties of a Dispatcher (Excluding 911) - Malheur County Sheriff's Office with Melody Weir. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2024-129

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.