

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
January 21, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. 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 Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer and those persons who have requested notice. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2026-0341

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of January 14, 2026 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Special Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – GRASSY MOUNTAIN MINE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign a letter of support for the Grassy Mountain Mine project. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has published a draft consolidated permit for the project and is accepting public comments. See instrument # 2026-0342

GRAZING LEASE AMENDMENT – JOHNSON

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Second Amendment to Lease of Land for Grazing Purposes Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2015-1432; First Amendment Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2020-4417. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The lease terminates December 31, 2030. See instrument # 2026-0343

AOC DUES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve payment of Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) 2026 membership dues in the amount of \$22,995.93. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public; no public comments were received.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.