

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

January 31, 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 # 2024-266

TREASURE VALLEY PARAMEDICS (TVP) - QUARTERLY REPORT

TVP, Inc. President Steve Patterson and Vice-President Heather Land met with the Court and provided a quarterly update per the terms of the personal services contract amendment. The implementation of the chase car has been successful. TVP-Nyssa has two Advanced so the minimum for ALS (Advanced Life Support) requirements are met. A secure transport vehicle was purchased and is in use; this helps to keep the ambulances in service and with wear and tear on the ambulances. The paramedic shortage continues all over; it is hoped that the paramedic program at TVCC (Treasure Valley Community College) will be available this Fall. Oregon's licensing requirements changed January 2024 which has made it somewhat easier to hire paramedics from Idaho.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Juvenile Department Director Ted Martinez met with the Court to provide a department update and answered questions from the Court members. Mr. Martinez became the department director in August 2022 and at that time the department staffing was depleted and not at full strength. Since then, vacancies have been filled and the department is close to being fully staffed. The current staff is phenomenal; is doing a tremendous amount of work in the community; and is building relationships with the community, schools, and clients that they work with. In 2023, there were 257 youth referred to the department with a total of 341 allegations; 85 of these youth met with staff in the Juvenile Department and had some type of disposition. (Dispositions happen only when a case has been opened up by the DA (District Attorney). Just because a youth was cited for a crime, doesn't mean a case was opened or that it ended in a disposition.) 37 youth were on formal probation and supervised by the Juvenile Department and 4 youth were committed to Oregon Youth Authority. Mr. Martinez also shared the budget for JCP (Juvenile Crime Prevention) funds for the 2023-2025 biennium (some of the JCP Basic funds are set aside for emergency housing). See instrument # 2024-268 for the handout.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of January 24, 2024 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R24-05: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statute) 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate Senate Bill 70 fees in the Planning Department budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted - a portion of these funds will be used for legal notices. See instrument # 2024-267

EARLY LEARNING HUB BOARD

Commissioner Mendiola moved to appoint Theresa Martinez, Director of Child Care Resources; and Mayra Pelayo, Ontario School District, to the Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub Board. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Martinez and Ms. Pelayo replace Marshall Hooker and Michell Russell on the board.

AMENDMENT - IGA #180022

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Sixth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2023-2025 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement # 180022. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is added to Program Element 12-01 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP).

ASD COORDINATOR VACANCY

Applications for the ASD (Ambulance Service District) Coordinator position were given to the Court; the Court will score the applications and interviews will be scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(a) - Employment of Public Officers, Employees and Agents, with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Mendiola present. Also present were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Rembowski, Carol Skerjanec, and Inga Williams. No decisions were made during the session.

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PLANNING DIRECTOR

Consensus of the interview committee was to authorize Commissioner Jacobs to make an offer of employment for the Planning Director position to the committee's number one candidate.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.

** Oregon Department of Emergency Management Emergency Management Performance Grant, Grant No: 23-522 (Sheriff's Office); effective date July 2023-June2024; recorded as instrument # 2024-292

** Basic Service Agreement with Federal Engineering Inc. and Malheur County Sheriff's Office to update its Communications Plan recorded as instrument # 2024-303