

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
March 4, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Commissioner Ron Jacobs was absent. Judge Joyce led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski, public member Bob Bement and public member Kelly Johnson. 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 # 2026-0765

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R26-09. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer. The public hearing and supplemental budget were necessary in order to allocate additional Cash on Hand that was not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds will be used for Workers’ Compensation and Liability Insurance expenses. No public comments were received. Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Resolution No. R26-09: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.471. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #2026-0766

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Crossing Permit #09-26 to Romans’ Precision Irrigation to lay pipe under Holly Road #1022; Permit #10-26 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities to repair damaged cable on Butte Drive #885; and Permit #11-26 to Vale Oregon Irrigation District (VOID) to replace a culvert on Hope Road #569. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of February 25, 2026 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public. Bob Bement explained that the courtesy car at the Vale airport needs replaced and requested the County donate a used vehicle. The fuel pump went out in the current courtesy car, along with other mechanical issues; it is a used sheriff’s

vehicle and has been at the airport for approximately 20 years (purchased by the City of Vale from the County for \$1.00). Mr. Rembowski encouraged Mr. Bement to also discuss the matter with the Vale City Council.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.