

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
May 13, 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. 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 was 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 # 2026-1726

PROCLAMATION – TREATMENT COURT MONTH

Circuit Court Judge Erin Lands, SAFE (Stop Addiction Forever) Court Program Coordinator Lydia Machuca and Trial Court Administrator Marilee Aldred met with the Court and presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as Treatment Court Month.

Judge Landis shared a brief update on the SAFE Court program. Two core team members are transitioning out of the program. Currently there are 10 participants in the program (11 graduated last year). District Attorney Dave Goldthorpe received grant funding that has allowed for participation in national training opportunities. Most SAFE Court participants are facing prison if they are not successful in the program; the cost to send an individual to prison is high and if that can be avoided by successful participation in the program it's a great thing. Judge Landis shared two stories of individuals who have or are participating in the program. Judge Landis read the proclamation.

Malheur County
PROCLAMATION
“National Treatment Court Month”
May 2026

WHEREAS treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS treatment courts save an average of more than \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS treatment courts provide a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and prison expenditures, increased tax revenues, lowered foster care expenses, and decreased costs related to victimization; and

WHEREAS treatment courts combine accountability with evidence-based treatment; and

WHEREAS treatment courts annually refer more than 150,000 people to lifesaving treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS treatment courts significantly improve substance use and mental health disorder treatment outcomes and prevent fatal overdoses; and

WHEREAS treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises, we all rise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Malheur County declares that Treatment Court Month be established during the month of May.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to declare May as Treatment Court Month. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs mentioned that during budget meetings budget committee member Lance King recommended crossing permits be reviewed by the County Surveyor. Commissioner Jacobs suggested that as the Court reviews the permits those that may involve corners be forwarded to the County Surveyor for review.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of May 6, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved.

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28 and April 29, 2026 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution No. R26-18: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The

purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate settlement funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the Progent breach of contract claim that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted; these funds are to be used to reimburse the County General Fund for the expenses of the claim and the May 2024 cyber event. See instrument # 2026-1727

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

QUITCLAIM DEEDS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the following Quitclaim Deed for properties sold at the recent County Land Sale:

Quitclaim Deed to Travis Schneider for Ref. #11992, Instrument # 2026-1728;

Quitclaim Deed to David and Kristy Dickerson for Ref. #12142, Instrument # 2026-1729;

Quitclaim Deed to the Michael Kincade Revocable Trust 2014 for Ref. #12225, Instrument # 2026-1730;

Quitclaim Deed to the Michael Kincade Revocable Trust 2014 for Ref. #12138, Instrument # 2026-1731;

Quitclaim Deed to the Michael Kincade Revocable Trust 2014 for Ref. #12104, Instrument # 2026-1732; and

Quitclaim Deed to JSJ Land LLC (Limited Liability Company) for Ref. #11841, Instrument # 2026-1733.

Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to submit letters of support through the Business Oregon portal for Nyssa and Ontario tract nominations as Opportunity Zones. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Catalyst Public Policy Advisors LLC is assisting the County with the study and application process for submission of the two census tracts. Letters of support for the designations are being solicited throughout the community.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

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.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

** Sheriff's Return of Sale- Malheur County to the Public CC Case No 22CV28451 – See Instrument # 2026-1705

***Sheriff's Return of Sale - Malheur County to the Public CC Case #22CV34276 – See Instrument # 2026-1706