

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

June 4, 2025

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, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski, and Sheriff Travis 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 # 2025-1831

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court and presented an agreement for mutual aid for their consideration; Lt. Harriman reviewed the agreement with the Court. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Inter-County Mutual Aid Agreement, Omnibus Agreement, January 2025 Revision. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement enables counties to provide emergency assistance to each other during times of an emergency. Commissioner Jacobs noted that Harney County reached out to him with appreciation for the offer of assistance during their flooding incident earlier in the year. See instrument # 2025-1832

MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of May 28, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Town Hall Minutes of May 28, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Mr. Rembowski presented a contract with University of Oregon for development of the County Emergency Resilience Plan. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Malheur County Personal Service Contract, County Energy Resilience Plan, with University of Oregon, by and through its Institute for Policy and Research Engagement (IPRE). Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. IPRE will provide technical assistance for development of the County Emergency Resilience Plan under Oregon Department of Energy grant agreement No. 25-023. See instrument # 2025-1833

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Community Mental Health, Local Alcohol and Drug and Development Disabilities Advisory Committee recommends that Ken Hart – CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Valley Family Health Care, and Jody Warnock – Director of Community in Action be appointed as members of the Advisory Committee. Commissioner Mendiola moved to appoint Ken Hart – Valley Family Health

Care and Jody Warnock – Community in Action to the Community Mental Health, Local Alcohol and Drug and Development Disabilities Advisory Committee. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Valley Family is no longer a direct provider/contractor with Malheur County or Lifeways and may now serve as a voting member of the committee, rather than as an ex-officio member.)

LINE OF CREDIT – MCDC

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R25-16 – In the Matter of: Resolution Extending, Increasing and Guaranteeing the Line of Credit with Bank of Eastern Oregon to the Malheur County Development Corporation (MCDC) in the amount of \$2.4 Million for the Treasure Valley Reload Center, in order for MCDC to pay bills and receive reimbursement from the Oregon Department of Transportation under Oregon State Agreement No. 33744 and amendments thereto, and under certain Oregon legislation funding to MCDC; and Authorizing Malheur County to be the Guarantor. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-1834

STIF FORMULA GRANT AGREEMENT – ODOT (OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Public Transportation Division Oregon Department of Transportation STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund) Formula Program, Agreement No. 35853, State STIF. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement terminates June 30, 2027. A sub-agreement with Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) will be drafted. (Note** This agreement was revised by ODOT and not executed or recorded. The correct STIF agreement was signed by the Court on June 11, 2025.)

EASTERN OREGON HUMAN SERVICES CONSORTIUM (EOHSC)

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution No. R25-17: Resolution to Effect Dissolution of the Intergovernmental Entity Known as the Eastern Oregon Human Services Consortium (EOHSC). Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It is believed that in 1988 Malheur County may have joined twelve counties in an intergovernmental agreement under ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) Chapter 190 to form the Eastern Oregon Human Services Consortium. The structure of EOHSC is no longer necessary and Malheur County withdraws from EOHSC and votes for its dissolution and to terminate the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) that created EOHSC. See instrument # 2025-1835

VALE CITY PROPERTY

The Court again discussed purchase of the old Vale city hall property. Commissioner Jacobs noted that Circuit Court needs additional space as does the County; and that he would like the County to purchase the property. Commissioner Mendiola concurred with Commissioner Jacobs. Ms. DuBois explained there is no budget for the property for maintenance, utilities, cleaning, etc. Commissioner Jacobs said he would work on developing a budget for the property.

MCPHEETERS SPRAY SERVICES INVOICE

Commissioner Jacobs explained that McPheeters Spray Services sprayed the reload facility and County property that is not being farmed. MCDC (Malheur County Development Corporation) agreed to pay a portion of the cost (for their property). (The invoice for application of the spray is \$2,460.) The County purchased the spray at a cost of \$2544.43. Mr. Rembowski offered to contact MCDC regarding the spray project and suggested that perhaps MCDC pay the McPheeters invoice in full as the County has already paid for the cost of the spray; or, alternatively MCDC could reimburse the County for their portion of the spray and the application cost.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public; there were none.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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