

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

June 17, 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 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 # 2026-2098

TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Krista Purser with Kittelson & Associates explained MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) is seeking adoption of the Transit Development Strategy. A work session was previously held with the Court regarding the document; and the Court members had no further questions regarding the development strategy document. Commissioner Jacobs moved to adopt the Malheur County Transit Development Strategy. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2026-2099

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

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of June 10, 2026 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

ROAD ACCEPTANCE

County Surveyor Derrick McKrola met with the Court and presented a road dedication on a partition plat for their consideration. Commissioner Mendiola moved to accept road dedication of a portion of Klamath Avenue on Keith William's Partition Plat #26-10. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2026-2097

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

MCOA&CS

MCOA&CS Transportation Manager Brittany White explained the STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund) Advisory Committee had not met so she did not have a recommendation regarding the 5310 application. Ms. White will reschedule with the Court at a later date.

ONTARIO SANITARY SERVICE/ WASTE CONNECTIONS - PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Ontario Sanitary Service District Manager Travis Williams met with the Court and discussed a proposed rate increase of 3%, effective August 1, 2026. The proposed increase is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the state of Oregon and would get the pricing in the County in line with the rest of Ontario Sanitary's service area. Waste Connections has invested over \$700,000 in operations over the last year to assure a high level of service to customers in Malheur county. The Court requested a hearing to take public comment on the proposed rate increase be scheduled. See instrument #2026-2100 for the written request.

Mr. Williams also explained that notice was recently received that rates at Clay Peak will increase October 2026. Ontario Sanitary will request an additional rate increase of 3% effective October 1, 2026 due to the Clay Peak increase. The Court may consider an additional 3% increase at a later date; a separate hearing regarding that increase would be scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public. No public comments were received.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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

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