

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

July 29, 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 # 2026-2575

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #123-26 to JA Miller Utility for Cable One for work on Vista Avenue #977. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

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

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of July 22, 2026 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

FUND TRANSFERS RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution No. R26-22: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The resolution accounts for end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year necessary budget transfers. See instrument # 2026-2576

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

FUND TRANSFERS RESOLUTION – ASD

Acting as the governing body of the Ambulance Service District (ASD), Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R26-23: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.463. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The resolution accounts for end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year necessary budget transfers. See instrument # 2026-2577

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

FUND TRANSFERS RESOLUTION – EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT

Acting as the governing body of the Malheur County Agricultural Educational Extension Service District, Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R26-24: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The resolution accounts for end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year necessary budget transfers. See instrument # 2026-2578

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

SUBAGREEMENT MCOA – RVHT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Sub-Agreement with Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) for Rural Veteran Healthcare Transportation (RVHT) Pursuant to State Agreement Number 35955 – Operating RVHT. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2026-2579

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

SUBAGREEMENT AMENDMENT – MCOA

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve First Amendment to Sub-Agreement with Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) for General Public Transit Service Pursuant to State Agreement Number 35814, 5311 – Operating, Recorded with Malheur County Clerk as Instrument No. 2025-3155. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2026-2580

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jacobs noted he recently attended a fire briefing with BLM (Bureau of Land Management); an incident management team has taken over the Big Grassy Fire and Hat Fire. The Coleman Creek Fire continues; efforts are underway to try and stop it at the Crowley Road. Oregon has lost over 1 million acres this year to wildfire.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Ms. DuBois reminded the Court members that Richmond Petty begins Monday, August 3rd as Environmental Health Director.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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

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