

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

August 12, 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 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 # 2026-2749

CROSSING PERMIT

Judge Joyce moved to approve Crossing Permit #146-26 to Idaho Power for maintenance on Ripple Road #949. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Vote: DJ/JM in favor. Approved.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of August 5, 2026 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Resolution No. R26-27: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.471. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate additional Oregon Health Authority (OHA) funds in the Health Department budget for the financing of public health services that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted; these funds will be used for the Rural Health Transformation Program to strengthen rural health systems across Oregon. See instrument # 2026-2750

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

ORDER DESIGNATING NEWSPAPER

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Order No. GO-11-26: In the Matter of the Designation of a Newspaper for the Publication of the 2026 Malheur County Tax Foreclosure List. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The Argus Observer is designated as the newspaper for publication of the list. See instrument # 2026-2751

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Resolution No. R26-28: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to remove the allocation of USDA RBDG Grant Funds in the Economic Development Fund as this grant was finalized in fiscal year 2025-2026. See instrument # 2026-2752

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ANNUAL JAIL INSPECTION

The Court members conducted the annual jail inspection. See instrument # 2026-2755

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: JM/DJ in favor. Approved.