

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

September 6, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Office of the Malheur County Courthouse with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Staff present in the meeting room were: Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, IS (Information Services) Director Joshua Kreger, and Building Official Adele Schaffeld. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and those persons who have requested notice. The meeting was audio recorded. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2023-2570

PROCLAMATION - RECOVERY MONTH

Mark Keele, Dixie Woods, Jane Padgett, Lindsay Nieskens, and Paula Olvera, all members of the Malheur County Prevention Coalition, were present for the signing of the Proclamation declaring September 2023 as Mental Health, Substance Use, and Harmful Gambling Behaviors Recovery Month. Mark Keele read the proclamation:

Malheur County Recovery Month Proclamation

Mental health, substance use and harmful gambling behaviors affect all communities nationwide. With commitment and support, our family members, friends, colleagues, and community members with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery. By seeking help, people who experience mental health, substance use and/or harmful gambling behaviors can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness. The focus of our local theme for Recovery Month for September 2023 is “Recovery is for Every Person, Recovery is for Every Family, Recovery is for Every Community, Recovery is for Everyone!” To celebrate their journey, we recognize the challenges of recovery and we support them! We realize the need to share resources and build networks that support recovery in all forms, as we are all part of the solution. Recovery Month and Hands Around the Park spreads the message that behavioral health is essential to one’s overall health and wellness, and that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people do recover.

The impact of mental health and substance use disorders is apparent in our country, with 46.3 million people suffering from an active addiction in the past year. Oregon ranks second among all states for adults with substance use disorders and third in the nation for youth with substance use disorders. Additionally, an estimated 84,000 adult Oregonians have moderate or severe gambling disorders. These conditions in one way or another affect us all. Through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health, substance use, and harmful gambling behaviors, which can help guide more people into needed treatment. Managing the effects of these conditions can help people achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally.

The Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve lives to promote and support treatment and recovery practices, educating communities about prevention and acknowledging the dedication of service providers and community members who assist in making recovery possible. For the above reasons, we are asking the citizens of Malheur County to join us in celebrating this September as Recovery Month.

We, as Malheur County Court, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as

**MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND HARMFUL GAMBLING BEHAVIORS
RECOVERY MONTH**

in Malheur County, OR, we call upon our community to observe this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the month of September 2023 as Mental Health, Substance Use, and Harmful Gambling Behaviors Recovery Month. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Those present answered various questions from the Court members. Hands Around the Park will be held at Rotary Laxon Park in Ontario on September 14, 2023.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of August 30, 2023 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R23-27: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate additional funds in the CVSO (County Veterans Service Officer) Expansion Fund from the Oregon Department Veterans' Affairs - these funds will go towards advertising and promotions. See instrument # 2023-2571

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT - TSCHIDA

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve First Amendment to Temporary Employment Agreement with Dave Tschida, to Perform Duties of a Caretaker for Malheur County Fairgrounds Recorded with Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2023-1817 Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-2572

UPDATED COUNTY POLICY – 106

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve updated County Policy 106 - Travel and Employee Incurred Expenses. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-2573

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Department of Justice Cooperative Agreement Child Support Services, Agreement #23502. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement is for the District Attorney's child support services program. A copy will be returned for recording.

GOODFELLOW BUILDING

Ms. Schaffeld visited with the Court about the intent to relocate the Building Department to the County owned Goodfellow building. Currently the Building Department is housed in property leased from the City of Nyssa. The long-term plan has been to relocate the department to the County owned building when funding was available for the needed remodel. Ms. DuBois noted that funding is currently available for this project. The Goodfellow building will need to accommodate offices for Veterans Services, ASD (Ambulance Service District), and Economic Development also. Planning Commission meetings are currently held in the conference room at the Goodfellow building.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 233

Judge Joyce opened the first public hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 233: An Ordinance Adding Title 1 Chapter 13 to the Malheur County Code Establishing the Border Region Review Board; and Declaring an Emergency. Staff present were Planning Director Eric Evans and Planning Manager Tatiana Burgess; and Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board Executive Director Shawna Peterson was present electronically. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer and posted on the County website. No written comments were received. Judge Joyce asked for a staff report.

Mr. Evans explained that Senate Bill (SB) 16 (2021) and its amendment - Senate Bill 70 (2023) allows the County to rezone up to 200 acres of land within the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region from exclusive farm use to residential uses to allow the construction of up to 100 new single-family homes. Land that is rezoned cannot be high value farmland or irrigated (high value farmland will still be protected). SB 70 amended the definition of high value farmland, added the requirement that lands rezoned be in a fire district, and must be outside the floodplain. No single property owner, either directly or indirectly, may apply for rezoning of more than twenty acres (10 homesites); this provision may be waived beginning 2026 if fewer than 100 homesites have been approved. Decisions made by the Border Region Review Board are not land use decisions and are not subject to the land use process. The Border Region Review Board will be appointed by the County Court. The program expires 2030 per the legislation.

No public comments were received.

Ms. Schaffeld commented that this process is a great tie-in to the Border Board's Competitive Housing Incentive Program.

Judge Joyce closed the hearing. The second hearing will be September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.