

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**September 27, 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. 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 # 2023-2777

**DLCD GRANT APPLICATION/LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

Planner/Interim Environmental Health Director Eric Evans met with the Court. Mr. Evans explained that the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistant Grant Application requires a resolution in support of the grant application from the Court. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R23-29: A Resolution Supporting the Malheur County Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Update and Supporting Studies Technical Assistance Grant Application, Funded by the Department of Land Conservation and Development. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-2778

Mr. Evans also presented a letter to Oregon Department of Forestry commenting on the wildfire risk maps created in response to Senate Bill 80 (2023). Malheur County opposes the current iteration of the wildfire risk maps. The mapping process used allowed for too much error and places too much burden on property owners as it will unnecessarily increase the cost of construction. Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign and submit the letter of comments to Department of Forestry. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-2781

**2023-2025 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN**

Community Corrections Lieutenant Jim St. Michell met with the Court and presented the 2023-2025 Community Corrections Biennial Plan and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State for the program. Lieutenant St. Michell reviewed the Plan, explained that funding for the Batterer's Intervention Program and the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) was increased, a new probation officer position was funded this fiscal year that will support the Downward Departure caseload, and answered questions from the Court members.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the 2023-2025 Community Corrections Biennial Plan. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-2779 for the Biennial Plan.

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #6541 between the State of Oregon through Department of Corrections and Malheur County. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the IGA will be returned for recording.

### **CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #32-23 to Idaho Power Company for work on King Avenue #866. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of September 20, 2023 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **IGA - VALE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Malheur County, Oregon and Vale School District #84 for School Resource Deputy Services. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 2024. See instrument # 2023-2780

### **OLCC SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) Application for Temporary Use of An Annual License to Mal's Diner/Malinda Castelberry. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The special event will be held October 19, 2023 at the Farmers Market Octoberfest, 860 Washington St. East, Vale.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 192.660(2)(a) - Employment of Public Officers, Employees and Agents with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Mendiola present. Also present were: Assessor Dave Ingram, Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA) Executive Director Kristen Nieskens, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, and Taylor Rembowski. No decisions were made during or following the session.

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The meeting recessed for lunch.

The meeting resumed after lunch.

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### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.