

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

September 3, 2025

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. 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, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski and Sheriff Travis Johnson. 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 # 2025-2918

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Crossing Permit #136-25 to Idaho Power for installation of a bank of overhead transformers on Alberta Avenue #768. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of August 27, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUBAGREEMENT – MCOA&CS

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

IGA - VALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) 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 30, 2026. See instrument # 2025-2919

LETTER SEEKING CLARITY

Sheriff Johnson explained that 34 county sheriffs signed an Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) letter encouraging the parties in Marion County v. Kotek et al to ask the judge in the case to issue a detailed opinion that provides the type of clarity that will help all local governments in Oregon ensure they are properly following federal, state and local laws. It is unclear how Oregon's sanctuary laws, public records laws, and federal laws interact and apply due to apparent conflicts, including situations when a local government is served with an administrative subpoena pursuant to 8 USC § 1225. Ms. Williams noted that Oregon Sanctuary laws are very strong and were first adopted in 1987; and then updated in 2021. Marion County is asking other Oregon counties to

sign on to a letter similar to the OSSA letter. Commissioner Mendiola moved to sign the letter. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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