

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
September 16, 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 were able to attend the meeting in person or electronically. Present in the meeting room was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, the Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer and all persons who requested notice. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2026-3095

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit # 153-26 to Eocene for work on N Road C #631; and Permit # 154-26 to Idaho Power to replace a regulator on Overstreet Road #839. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

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

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of September 2, 2026 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved

BURN BAN LIFTED

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order No. GO-12-26: Order Lifting Burn Ban in Unincorporated Areas of Malheur County Located Outside of a Fire District; Repeal Order GO-10-26. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2026-3096

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

SITE USE AGREEMENT – SYME HILL

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Site Use and Tower Space Lease Agreement with Payette County, Idaho for Syme's Hill Communications Site. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Malheur County maintains public-safety and emergency communications equipment within the Site building and on the Site tower. The term of the agreement begins October 1, 2026 and continues for five (5) years. A copy of the agreement will be returned for recording.

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

Antonio Sunseri with the Argus Observer joined the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution No. R26-29: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statute) 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate State funds in the Jail budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted - these are reimbursement funds for transporting inmates; and to allocate additional Cash on Hand and insurance refund funds in the Insurance Reserve budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds will be used for Unemployment and Liability payments. See instrument # 2026-3097

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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

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