

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
September 17, 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 was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. 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 # 2025-3038

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION GRANT

MCOA&CS Transportation Manager Brittany White presented the 2025-26 Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas grant agreement. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve State of Oregon, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs 2025-26 Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas Grant Agreement - Malheur County, Grant No. VS_0267. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Grant funding is not to exceed \$45,000 for the period of September 15, 2025 through September 14, 2026. Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) will provide the medical transportation services. A copy will be returned for recording. Ms. White thanked the Court for contributing \$100,000 for Veterans' medical rides in 2024; this contribution was extremely beneficial to the program.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the following Crossing Permits to Rally Networks for burying of fiber optic communications cable: Permit #137-25 on Wynn Road #966; Permit #138-25 on Willow Road #817; Permit #139-25 on Viewcrest Drive #1044; Permit #140-25 on Victorio Road #735; Permit # 141-25 on Twilight Drive #1042; Permit #142-25 on Toombs Road #954; Permit #143-25 on Stringer Road #859; Permit #144-25 on Stephens Boulevard #948; Permit #145-25 on Shay Way #1053; Permit #146-25 on Sarazin Road #772; Permit #147-25 on Rock Springs Canyon Road #850; Permit #148-25 on River View Drive #817; Permit #149-25 on River Road #842; Permit #150-25 on Owyhee Lake Road #846; Permit #151-25 on Owyhee Avenue #1036; Permit #152-25 on Overstreet Road #839; Permit #153-25 on Otis Road #651; Permit #154-25 on Norwood Drive #775; Permit #155-25 on Mitchell Butte Road #560; Permit #156-25 on Mendiola Road #962; Permit #157-25 on Lytle Boulevard #570; Permit #158-25 on Laan Lane #959; Permit #159-25 on Kurtz Road #830; Permit #160-25 on Klamath Avenue #774; Permit #161-25 on Kingman Road #957; Permit #162-25 on King Avenue #866; Permit #163-25 on Kimberly Road #554; Permit #164-25 on Kesler Lane #1570; Permit #165-25 on Jefferson Drive #554; Permit #166-25 on Janeta Avenue #1043; Permit #167-25 on Ivanhoe Avenue #1115; Permit #168-25 on Imperial Avenue #844; Permit #169-25 on Hilltop Cemetery Road #1529; Permit #170-25 on Hidden Road #1047; Permit #171-25 on Heritage Drive #555; Permit #172-25 on Grey Boulevard #956; Permit #173-25 on Grand Avenue #562; Permit #174-25 on Gem Avenue #865; Permit #175-25 on Gamble Island Road #849; Permit #176-25 on Fairview Drive #855; Permit #177-25 on Eureka Avenue #862; Permit #178-25 on Enterprise Avenue #662; Permit #179-25 on Emerald Slope Road #1049; Permit #180-25 on Echo Road #770; Permit #181-25 on Echo Avenue

#770; Permit #182-25 on Cow Hollow Road #566; Permit #183-25 on Columbia Avenue #860; Permit #184-25 on Cloverdale Avenue #556; Permit #185-25 on Clover Lane #568; Permit #186-25 on Clark Boulevard #587; Permit #187-25 on Chestnut Avenue #861; Permit #188-25 on Chapin Road #1044; Permit #189-25 on Bybee Lane #930; Permit #190-25 on Buena Vista Road #1103; Permit #191-25 on Borge Lane #650; Permit #192-25 on Bob Rice Road #841; Permit #193-25 on Bergman Road #964; Permit #194-25 on Beet Dump Road #957; Permit #195-25 on Beaumont Road #954; Permit #196-25 on Arcadia Boulevard #928; Permit #197-25 on Alberta Avenue #768; Permit #198-25 on Adams Road #540;

and the following Crossing Permits to Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (FMTC) for installation of buried fiber optic cable: Permit #199-25 on Summit Lane #1549; Permit #200-25 on Forsyth Lane #1518; and Permit #201-25 on Clark Boulevard #857.

Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of September 10, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Special Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT – LETTER OF INTENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Second Amendment to Addendum to Binding Letter of Intent (LOI) between Malheur County, Malheur County Development Corporation (MCDC), and JTH, LLC (Jaguar Transport Holdings Inc). Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The parties agree to execute a purchase and sale agreement by October 16, 2025, providing for a closing date on a mutually agreed date no later than fifteen days following issuance by Union Pacific Rail Road of satisfaction of the conditions stated in paragraph 1 of the Addendum. See instrument # 2025-3051

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Reinstatement and Amendment No. 2 to Grant No. 15682 with Department of Education - Juvenile Crime Prevention Fund. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is in the amount of \$208,000 for the 2025-27 biennium; the agreement expires June 30, 2027. See instrument #2025-3039

NACO DUES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve payment of National Association of Counties (NACo) membership dues for 2026 in the amount of \$631.00 Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IGA # 185822 AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Second Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2025-2027 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #185822. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is decreased in Program Element 12-01: Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP); and program element language is updated for Program Element 03: Tuberculosis Case Management. See instrument #2025-3113

BURN BAN LIFTED

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order No. GO-08-25: Order Lifting Burn Ban in Unincorporated Areas of Malheur County Located Outside of a Fire District; Repeal Order GO-05-25. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument# 2025-3040

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public; no public comments were received.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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

** Notice of Award with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for Bully Creek Water System Upgrade Project recorded as instrument # 2025-2809

** Notice of Award with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Grant for Bully Creek Park recorded as instrument # 2025-2810

** Reinstatement and Amendment Number 2 to State of Oregon Intergovernmental Grant Agreement #184232 between Malheur County Health Department and the State of Oregon acting by and through its Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The program to be supported under this Agreement relates principally to OHA's "Adolescent, Screenwise & Reproductive Health." The agreement is extended to March 31, 2026. See instrument # ***2025-3061