

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
October 22, 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 # 2025-3388

ROAD ACCEPTANCE

Surveyor Derrick McKrola met with the Court and presented a road acceptance on a partition plat for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Mendiola moved to accept road dedication of a portion of Overstreet Road on Chad Cruickshank's Partition Plat #25-13. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-3385

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #233-25 for Vale Oregon Irrigation District (VOID) to bury pipe on Whitney Road #3569; and Permit #234-25 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities for work on SW 18th Avenue #887. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of October 15, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ROAD VACATION ORDER

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order No. GO-10-25 – In the Matter of the Vacation of: A Portion of NW 24th Avenue in Ontario. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Court reviewed the petition and Surveyor's Report on October 8, 2025. The Petitioner was Jay Greenwood; and Mr. Greenwood is the landowner owning 100% of the land abutting the portion vacated. See instrument # 2025-3390

EOCCO AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) Community Capacity Building Fund (CCBF) Agreement with Malheur County Health Department. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The grant amount is \$142,809.23; the grant period is November 2025 through September 30, 2027.

PLANNING DIRECTOR VACANCY

Consensus of the Court was to schedule interviews for the Planning Director vacancy for November 12, 2025.

LETTER OF SUPPORT - CITY OF VALE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve a letter of support for the City of Vale's COAR (Critical Oregon Airport Relief) grant application for Miller Memorial Airpark. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The grant application is for the City's hangar site construction project at the airport. See instrument # 2025-3389

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mendiola noted that funding was needed to support weed control efforts in the southern part of the County. The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area (JV CWMA) Coordinator is retiring and funding to support the position has not been secured. Commissioner Mendiola explained that the County Weed Inspector cannot oversee the entire County on her own; Commissioner Jacobs concurred and expressed support for efforts of the Owyhee Watershed Council to continue to seek grant funding for the position.

Commissioner Jacobs noted that Senator Wyden's office contacted him about possible interest in holding a public meeting regarding the Over the Horizon Radar project. The Court expressed support for a public meeting; Commissioner Jacobs will stay in contact with Senator Wyden's office. It is hoped a public meeting can be scheduled after the federal furlough concludes.

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.