

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
January 13, 2016

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

Also present was SREDA (Snake River Economic Development Alliance) Executive Director Kit Kamo and SREDA Chair Patrick Nauman.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Director Angie Gerrard met with the Court and shared information on the department's WIC (Women, Infant and Children) and Immunization Programs. In 2014, the Malheur County WIC Program served 2,380 individuals, including 71% of all pregnant women in the county. Four pillars form the basis for WIC Program services: Nourishing foods, Nutrition education, Prenatal and breastfeeding support, and Community referrals. WIC vouchers brought in over one million dollars to local businesses in 2014; direct revenue to local farmers from WIC Farm Direct vouchers was \$8,200. For every dollar spent on WIC services during pregnancy, up to \$4.21 is saved in Medicaid costs. WIC also refers to other community resources and health department programs.

From July 2014 through June 2015, the Health Department served 1,065 clients and provided 1,609 immunizations. So far in the 2015-16 flu season staff has given 528 flu vaccines and conducted six off-site flu clinics. In partnership with the Oregon Human Development Corporation, a flu clinic was held at the Nyssa farm worker housing facility, along with outreach and enrollment for health insurance; 78 individuals were reached in this effort.

The Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act now includes e-cigarettes, vape pens, e-hookah and other inhalant delivery systems. Ms. Gerrard provided new "No Smoking or Vaping" signs to be posted at the Courthouse entrances/exits.

SNAKE RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (SREDA)

SREDA Executive Director Kit Kamo and Board Chair Patrick Nauman met with the Court. Ms. Kamo reviewed the 2015 SREDA Report Card and updated the Court on several projects. Fry Foods recently started a second shift (swing shift); and is very concerned about the proposals to increase the Oregon minimum wage, as are a lot of businesses, non-profits, schools, and others. SREDA is working in Nyssa and with their 19-acre property; the City of Nyssa did not fund SREDA but several individual council members, employees, and private businesses have joined SREDA. Also, SREDA recently responded to a State lead with the City of Ontario for the Wada property (Project AK). Ms. Kamo met with the owners of the Treasure Valley 200 and visited with the State about reviewing past projects and obtaining current statuses of the projects. March 18 there will be an Economic Breakfast event.

Mr. Nauman read a prepared statement in which he recognized economic development activities in which SREDA and Ms. Kamo have been involved in for the benefit of Malheur County and requested consideration of partial funding to compensate SREDA for the economic development

activities. See instrument # [2016-0127](#) for the complete statement. The Court members thanked Mr. Nauman and Ms. Kamo for the update.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of January 6, 2016. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was not presented on January 6.)

MOA - ADA COUNTY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between County of Malheur, State of Oregon and County of Ada, State of Idaho. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement is for juvenile detention services at the Ada County Juvenile Detention Center in Boise. A copy will be returned for recording.

WILCOX PROPERTY - INFORMATION

Commissioner Wilson mentioned that his company is listing the Wilcox property for sale and he was aware that the County had used the gravel pit.

BUDGET OFFICER

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Lorinda DuBois as Budget Officer for 2016. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CRATER LAKE KLAMATH REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Court signed a letter of support for Klamath County for the re-federalization of the Crater Lake Klamath Regional Airport. See instrument # [2016-0128](#)

BUS TO SALEM - MINIMUM WAGE

Owyhee Produce organized a charter bus to travel to Salem to testify at the legislature regarding the impacts of the minimum wage increase proposals on Thursday, January 14, 2016. Donations for the expense of the bus are being sought. Commissioner Hodge said he would join the effort and make the trip to Salem. Commissioner Hodge moved that the County contribute \$300 to the effort from the Economic Development budget. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Joyce left the meeting.

POSSIBLE ROAD VACATION PETITION INFORMATION

Ryan and Cindy Moore met with the Court and provided information on a portion of Red Cap Road that they are considering asking the County to vacate. Also present was Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards. A formal petition to vacate has not been filed by the Moores. The property was purchased by the Moores approximately three years ago. The Moores expressed safety concerns with the public accessing their private property and explained that the County road dead-ends and then accesses a private farm road. Mr. Moore explained that he has extensively researched the road records and he does not believe that the County road ever accessed the river; rather access to the river has always been via private property at this particular location. Mr. Edwards explained the road vacation process and associated fee; and explained that once a road vacation petition is filed he would perform extensive research into the road along with any associated

easements and historic use. It was also discussed that the Moores might consider installing an unlocked gate across the road where it accesses his property. Mr. Moore also mentioned that he is currently working with fish and wildlife and may possibly develop a future youth hunting program in the area. It was noted that the road vacation process is set out in Oregon statute. No decisions were made at this time. Mr. Moore will work further with Mr. Edwards on the matter and possibly file a road vacation petition.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.