

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
January 4, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Office of the Malheur County Courthouse 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. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and those persons who have requested notice. The meeting was audio recorded. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2023-0024

CITY OF VALE - WASTEWATER PROJECT

City of Vale Mayor Tom Vialpando and City Manager Todd Fuller met with the Court and provided information about the City Wastewater Project and made a request for funding for the project. The City is currently about \$300,000 short in funding for the project; the total project cost is approximately \$1.4 million and the City has secured \$1,100,000 in grant funds for the project. The current Willowcreek lift station has been in service for 70 years; the new lift station would be built about 75 yards west of the current lift station. City employees currently spend hours each week pulling tripped pumps and untangling materials that shouldn't be in a sewer system from the impellers. Ms. DuBois noted that the County installed a valve flushing system in the jail that regulates the number of flushes in an effort to curb the flushing of sheets, clothing etc. Mayor Vialpando and Mr. Fuller answered questions from the Court members. The Court took the request under advisement. See instrument # 2023-0029 for the written correspondence regarding the project request.

Mayor Vialpando also explained that he is a member of the Oregon Mayors Association Taskforce on Homelessness; a meeting is currently being held with Governor Kotek's transition team. Mayor Vialpando requested the Court have an open mind and be a partner. Commissioner Jacobs expressed appreciation to Mayor Vialpando for serving on the taskforce and requested he keep the Court updated.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of December 21, 2022 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

AUTHORIZATION OF REFUNDS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R23-01: In the Matter of Authorization of Refunds by Tax Collector. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-0026

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order GO-01-23 Appointing Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for Malheur County Justice Court during the 2023 Calendar Year. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-0027

INVESTING FUNDS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order GO-02-23: In the Matter of Investing Any Sinking Fund, Bond Fund or Surplus Funds. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2023-0028

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - SECTION 5310

One application for funding in response to the County's Request for Proposals for eligible transportation providers to apply for Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities was received. MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) Transportation Manager Brittany White explained that the STIF (State Transportation Improvement Fund) Advisory Committee had reviewed the application, deemed it complete, and recommended award to the applicant, Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services. Commissioner Jacobs moved to award the Section 5310 to MCOA&CS and authorized Ms. DuBois to submit the 5310-grant application (after the protest period has expired). Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is for the 2023/2025 biennium.

IGA #173143 - AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Fifth Amendment to 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services #173143. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is added for Invoice Services. See instrument # 2023-0025

BUDGET OFFICER

Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois as Budget Officer for FY 2023-24. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AOC DUES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve payment of Association of Oregon Counties 2023 membership dues in the amount of \$20,643.69. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IGA #169522 - AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Tenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is reduced in Program Element (PE) 10-02 for the 2022 year; and funding is added in Program Element 13-01 for the 2023 year. A copy will be returned for recording.

FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to reappoint Helen Thomas, Warren Osborne, Chris Johnston, and Garrett Chamberlain to the Fair Board. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Terms are three years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) - Real Property Transactions with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Mendiola present. Also present were County Counsel Stephanie Williams and Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. No decisions were made during the session.

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize Ms. Williams to continue conversations with the landowner about terms for a possible sale. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.