

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

January 5, 2022

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 present. Commissioner Don Hodge was absent. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Members of the media, public, and staff were present electronically. 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 # 2022-0027

ROAD ACCEPTANCE - LEWIS; SUBDIVISION PLAT

Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards met with the Court. Judge Joyce moved to accept road dedication of a portion of Reservoir Road on Nathan Lewis and Dennis Lewis Partition Plat #22-1. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0022

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Harrah Heights Subdivision Plat, in the City of Ontario. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0021

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #39-21 to Oregon Trail Cattle Feeders LLC for a utility trench on Hill Road #681. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

BUDGET OFFICER

Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois as Budget Officer for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to reappoint Leanna Elguezabal and Dave Tschida to the Fair Board. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Terms are for three years.

AUTHORIZATION OF REFUNDS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R22-01: In the Matter of Authorization of Refunds by Tax Collector. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0028

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRO TEMPORE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order GO-01-22 Appointing Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for Malheur County Justice Court During the 2022 Calendar Year. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0029

INVESTING FUNDS

Judge Joyce moved to approve Order GO-02-22: In the Matter of Investing Any Sinking Fund, Bond Fund or Surplus Funds. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0030

IGA #166050- 7TH AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Seventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #166050, nunc pro tunc to December 20, 2021. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2021-6076

UPDATED COUNTY POLICY 119 - VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve updates to County Policy 119 - Veterans' Preference. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The updated policy is due to changes made with the passage of SB (Senate Bill) 184 (2021). See instrument # 2022-0031

IGA #169522- 3RD AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Third Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #169522. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Funding is added to Program Element 12-01 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP); and to Program Element 12-02 COVID-19 Response. A copy will be returned for recording.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - HAUETER

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Employment Agreement with Dawnita Haueter for Malheur County Fair Manager. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument # 2022-0032

BUDGET COMMITTEE

There is one vacant position on the County Budget Committee.

BROGAN COMMUNITY SOCIETY - FUNDING REQUEST

Documentation was received from Brogan Community Society pertaining to their request for COVID-19 funding; supporting documentation was received for:

- Idaho Power \$252 water trees at community center for 2020 and 2021
- Vale Rural Fire \$608 irrigation of the park along Hwy 26
- Curt Hysell \$927 emergency replacement of pressure tank in 2021
- Melinda Paul \$49 replacement of sprinkler electronic control in 2021

Judge Joyce moved to authorize payment of the above expenses to Brogan Community Society from the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed.

By consensus the request for reimbursement of weed spray and gas for mowers will not be granted; documentation for these expenses is not available from Brogan Community Society. The request for funding for a portable restroom for April, May, and June 2022 also was not granted. Brogan Community Society can meet with the County Budget Committee to request long-term funding for the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS (Oregon Revenue Service) 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiator Consultations with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Jacobs present. Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams and Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. No decisions were made during or following the meeting.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.