

**EMERGENCY MEETING  
MALHEUR COUNTY COURT**

**January 11, 2017**

An Emergency Meeting of the Malheur County Court was held on January 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Judge Dan Joyce and Commissioner Don Hodge present. Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Accounting Tech Karen Anderson, and Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer via telephone.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The purpose of the Emergency Meeting was for consideration of declaring a state of emergency in Malheur County. Severe weather conditions occurring in Malheur County have created a disaster situation and are resulting in severe damage and loss to property and a threat to the safety of some residents. Some of the events currently occurring include: ice jams impeding water flow on the rivers, a current flood and winter advisory due to an ice jam on the Snake River, roofs and building collapsing, flooding in buildings due to broken pipes, commercial buildings evacuated due to concerns of weight from snow and ice on rooftops, difficulties of residents in rural areas and special populations such as the elderly in getting out of their homes due to the accumulation of snow. Commissioner Hodge moved to declare a local disaster within Malheur County: Resolution R17-04, In the Matter of Declaring a State of Emergency within Malheur County, Oregon. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The Court is requesting Governor Kate Brown declare an emergency for all of Malheur County under the provisions of ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 401.165 due to severe and continuing weather conditions; and direct open communications and assistance from the Oregon National Guard for snow removal and possible break-up of ice jams through explosives and other federal and state assistance and programs as needed. See instrument [#2017-0115](#)

The Emergency Meeting was adjourned.