

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

January 29, 2020

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 Larry Wilson and Commissioner Don Hodge present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website and Courthouse public 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 #[2020-403](#)

LIFEWAYS

Members of Lifeways senior leadership team and board members met with the Court. Present were: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tim Hoekstra, Chief Operational Officer (COO) Phil Sheridan, Executive Director of Business Excellence Liz Johnsen, Executive Director of Umatilla and Malheur Counties Micaela Cathey, Board Interim Chair Dave Waldo, and Board past chair and current Finance Committee Chair Mike Hanigan. Also present for the session was Malheur Education Service District (ESD) Superintendent Mark Redmond.

The board members and senior leadership team introduced themselves.

Dave Waldo has been on the Lifeways board of directors since the inception of Lifeways. Mike Hanigan explained that CEO Tim Hoekstra was brought on two years ago; Mr. Hoekstra is the third CEO Lifeways has had (the previous two were Greg Schneider and Judy Cordeniz). Services at every level - all parts of mental health - cannot be done by Lifeways alone, the stakeholders in the community must come together to solve the mental health problems in the community.

Phil Sheridan has been in the position of Chief Operational Officer with Lifeways for four months and has a background in clinical social work, emergency psychiatry, and for the last eight years, supporting, opening, and managing psychiatric hospitals in different parts of the country. Mr. Sheridan is passionate about access to services and bringing care to under-served areas.

Micaela Cathey is the Executive Director of Umatilla and Malheur Counties. Ms. Cathey has been with Lifeways almost seven years and started out in Malheur county. Ms. Cathey moved to Umatilla a few years ago to take on a leadership capacity there and has readily expanded those responsibilities. Focus includes clinical operations ensuring that programing is structured in a way that meets obligations and at a high caliber while also providing staff internally the guidance and support needed to excel in their roles.

Liz Johnsen is the Executive Director of Business Excellence and has been in her current role for about six months. Ms. Johnsen has been with the University of Utah, OHSU in research development, and most recently with the Family Medicine Residency in Boise as their Director of Quality and Performance Improvement; and holds a Master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Ms. Johnsen's position with Lifeways is new to the organization and

the focus is to bring the community touchpoints and feedback into the organization through a system that allows Lifeways to focus their quality and performance improvement efforts where the community would like the focus to be.

Tim Hoekstra is Lifeways Chief Executive Officer. Lifeways transformation as an organization to address internal problems and struggles started in Umatilla County approximately two years ago. As part of the effort's new interfaces with community partners, law enforcement, hospital administrators, schools, and others were formed. Nationwide, community mental health providers (CMHP) cannot solve all of the behavioral health problems by themselves; rather CMHP's have a role within a larger system of care. Schools and FQHC's (Federally Qualified Health Centers) have their role in the system of care. The best standard of practice is to use the FQHC's in the schools, providing behavioral health brief, nursing, and family practice for medical services. FQHC's bring federal dollars into the system; dollars that otherwise would not be available at the local level. Additionally, FQHC's have the added benefit of having federal malpractice protection.

Mr. Hoekstra, with input from Mr. Waldo, answered questions from Commissioner Wilson.

Mark Redmond read a letter and noted it was authorized by the various school superintendents within the county including: Adrian Superintendent Kevin Purnell, Annex Charter School Superintendent Steve Bishop, Harper Charter School Superintendent Ron Talbot, Jordan Valley Superintendent Rusty Bengoa, Nyssa Superintendent Darren Johnson, Ontario School Superintendent Nicole Albisu, and Vale Superintendent Alisha McBride.

It has come to our attention that the Malheur County Commissioners may be in the process of issuing the contract for School Based Mental Health Services (MHS13) in the near future. Under ORS 430.630(9)(a), the County Commissioners are the "local mental health authority". MHS 13 states:

County shall provide MHS 13 School-Based mental Health Services to identified K-12 schools, that are not affiliated with a School-Based Health Center providing mental health services. County shall confirm that an appropriately qualified school based mental health provider is available at identified schools. Counties shall provide appropriate levels of clinical supervision as set forth in OAR 309-019-0130 for school based mental health service providers. School Based Mental Health Services providers includes a state licensed or state Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), licensed under state law to provide mental health services to children and adolescents.

School based mental health services are essential components of comprehensive learning supports. Access to school-based mental health services is linked to students' improved physical and psychological safety and reduces costly negative outcomes such as risky behaviors, disciplinary incidents, delinquency, dropout, substance abuse, and involvement with the criminal justice system. The provision of school based mental health services at the school, during the school day, will reduce the likelihood that students will need to miss school, drop out of school or have other undesirable outcomes that result in missed opportunity to remain in school, retain satisfactory academic progress, and have quality of life.

The Superintendents of Malheur County would like to respectfully request the Malheur County Commissioners postpone this decision until the February 5, 2020 County Commissioners meeting. At that time the Superintendents are scheduled to discuss the services being provided through the County mental health contracts. +Sincerely, Mark Redmond, Superintendent, Malheur Education Service District. See instrument #[2020-404](#) for the written statement.

Mr. Hoekstra confirmed that Lifeways would also be present for the meeting on February 5th. Judge Joyce thanked Lifeways for the Jail Diversion program; and the opportunity to visit with individual board members as needed.

County Counsel Stephanie Williams joined the meeting.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of January 15, 2020; January 21, 2020, and January 22, 2020 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded (to form only for January 22, 2020 as he was not present for that meeting) and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO LEASE OF LAND - HOLLOWAY

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Fourth Amendment to Lease of Land for Grazing Purposes Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number [2008-901](#); First Amendment Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number [2011-0042](#); Second Amendment Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number [2013-5045](#); Third Amendment Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number [2016-4523](#) with Jerald and Tammy Holloway. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment expires December 31, 2022. See instrument #[2020-405](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R20-06: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate funds from Malheur Council on Aging and Senior Services for the purchase of property for the bus barn expansion project; this will increase the Special Transportation Fund appropriations by \$26,500. See instrument #[2020-407](#)

ASD BYLAWS AND BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve amended Malheur County Ambulance Service District (ASD)/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board Bylaws, which include the ASD Board Funding Policy as presented; and moved to appoint Anna La Rosa to the Advisory Board in the position of hospital administrator. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # ***

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution R20-07: Recognizing and Adopting the Malheur County Sheriff's Office Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The COOP is a blueprint for how the Sheriff's Office will operate after a pandemic or other disaster and provides an order of succession for command of the organization and plan for alternate facilities, allowing for business as usual and uninterrupted services from the organization. See instrument #[2020-406](#)

CONTRACT WITH PERS RETIREE

Ms. DuBois requested authorization to contract with Susan Salove after her retirement for the months of March and April 2020, and hours as may be needed in May, to facilitate training of the new hire through two payroll cycles and one quarterly cycle of reports. Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the contract with Susan Salove as a PERs retiree starting March 1, 2020. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A contract will be drafted.

Judge Joyce commented that a member of the Court may want to participate on the interview panel for the vacancy.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.