

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 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.

Public present was Annette Serano from Lifeways.

Also present was Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer and John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

DATA SHARING - BLM

Assessor Dave Ingram and Brent Grasty from BLM (Bureau of Land Management) met with the Court and discussed updating an agreement between the County and BLM to allow for an exchange of road data in an effort to keep maps current. Mr. Ingram and Mr. Grasty gave some of the background leading up to the request. The back country of the County is vast and there is a lot of interest in the County's and BLM's road data. Mr. Grasty explained that in approximately 1998 a limited license data sharing agreement was entered into between the County and BLM and it is hoped that the agreement can be updated/amended. The Court had no objections to the request. Mr. Moulton will also be briefed on the proposal. A formal document will be prepared for the Court's approval at a later date.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of January 27, 2016 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R16-4: In the Matter of Fiscal year 2015/2016 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 the spending of Kindergarten Innovation Grant funds which were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. The funds are to be used to perform Kindergarten assessment activities and/or programs. Funding is in the amount of \$1600. See instrument #[2016-0415](#)

AMENDMENT - IGA #147797

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Seventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #147797. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment modifies the financial assistance award in the agreement. Ms. Serrano was present to answer any questions the Court members may have had. A copy will be returned electronically for recording.

Ms. Serrano left the meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Mr. Moulton presented three Crossing Permits for work to be performed by Idaho Power for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Crossing Permits: Permit #04-16 on Grand Avenue #562 for installation of inline pole and overhead transformer; Permit #03-16 on Clover Lane #568 for installation of inline pole and overhead transformer; and Permit #02-16 on Railroad Avenue #874 to replace a metal pole. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton also requested authorization to advertise/hire a vacant mechanic position which has been vacant for several weeks now. By consensus, the Court authorized Mr. Moulton's request to proceed with filling the vacant mechanic position.

Maintenance Supervisor Don Dalton joined the meeting.

County Counsel Stephanie Williams joined the meeting.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Brian Wolfe met with the Court. Sheriff Wolfe requested authorization to fill a vacant deputy position; by consensus the Court authorized the request.

Sheriff Wolfe also provided a summary of office statistics for the 2015 calendar year. There are presently 62 team members within the Sheriff's Office.

Some of the 2015 stats include:

3,359 current valid Malheur County CHL (Concealed Handgun License) holders (1,230 were issued in 2015)

Service of 1,482 civil papers and 587 DA (District Attorney) issued subpoenas

Dispatch received 102,246 telephone calls (13,225 were 9-1-1 calls)

212 persons were arrested; and 789 citations were issued

3,938 written reports were generated; offenses included: 59 civil; 102 criminal mischief; 65 disorderly conduct; 253 animal complaints; 61 child abuse neglect; 33 vicious dogs; 3 plane crashes; 116 domestic violence; 218 driving complaints; 44 DUII (Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants); 113 harassment; 145 livestock at large; 19 mental holds/issues; 10 minor in possession; 346 motor vehicle crashes; 56 public assists; 40 suicidal subjects; 172 thefts; and 180 welfare checks.

Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer hours were 4,028.5 hours with 20,108 miles driven. Search and Rescue volunteers participate in SAR missions, training, security, community events and SAR patrol.

A request for reimbursement was recently made for resources spent in Harney County in connection to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation in the amount of \$41,000.

Shelly Dennis joined the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - ULMER - ELEVATOR PROJECT

Architect Gene Ulmer will design specifications for an elevator at the main entrance of the courthouse on the 1st and 2nd floors; and a vertical material lift (freight lift) on the 1st floor to the basement. Location of the freight lift will be in the current space occupied by the Environmental Health Director which will require reconfiguration of some offices; the proposal would be to move the Planning Department, and its 2 staff members, to the current Environmental Health Office and move the Environmental Health Office, and its 3 staff members, to the Planning Office (Room 113). Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Architecture and Engineering Professional Services Agreement Elevator/Vertical Material Lift Malheur County Courthouse with Gene C. Ulmer Architect. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Compensation to Mr. Ulmer for the design services is \$21,000. See instrument #[2016-0418](#)

ORDER FOR SALE

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Order # GO-03-16: Order for the Sale of Properties Acquired by the County. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The County land sale will be April 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. See instrument #[2016-417](#)

AMENDMENT - IGA #148021

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Third Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment modifies the financial assistance award for MCH-Title V-Child & Adolescent Health; and MCH-Title V-Flexible Funds. A copy will be returned electronically for recording.

SUB-AGREEMENT WITH MCOA&CS

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Sub-Agreement with Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) to Provide Transportation to Veterans Under the State of Oregon Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas Program (Program). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2016-0416](#)

BOARD VACANCIES

It was noted that there is a current vacant position on the County Budget Board that needs to be filled.

Additionally, Ken Freese submitted his written resignation from the County Weed Board, Planning Commission and SEACT (Southeast Area Commission on Transportation).

Ms. Williams left the meeting.

AUDIT

Jared Zwycart of Millington Zwycart, Certified Public Accountants, met with the Court and reviewed the County's 2014-2015 audit. Zwycart & Associates audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Malheur County for the year ended June 30, 2015. There were no issues identified in the audit. The Court members will individually review the audit in detail and approve it at a later date. The audit will also be placed on the County website.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.