

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

The Malheur County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

MCOA&CS - STF APPLICATION

MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) Executive Director Loni Debban met with the Court and presented an ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) Special Transportation Fund (STF) Discretionary Program Project Application for their consideration. Ms. Debban explained that the local STF Advisory Committee recently met and recommended submission of the application. The application is requesting STF funding for Mobile Device Technology - Real Time Transit Information for Malheur Express Transportation in the amount of \$63,597. The project proposal is to install ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) tablet software for 15 vehicles, along with Bluetooth devices for data collection during the pre and post inspections, and have instant odometer readings with real time GPS (Global Positioning System) location. Ms. Debban answered questions from the Court members about the project. By consensus the Court authorized the submittal of the STF application.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Management Assistant Marilee Aldred met with the Court. Ms. Aldred explained that the contract for attorney services with Mike Dugan will end March 2016. It is proposed to hire a new Deputy DA April 2016. Ms. Aldred has worked with Ms. DuBois regarding the proposal and it appears that the budget will support the proposal. The Court had no objections to the new hire beginning April 2016 as long as Ms. DuBois had no budgetary concerns.

ROAD ACCEPTANCE

Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards met with the Court and presented a partition plat with a road dedication for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept road dedication from Jeffrey and Marti Bair's partition plat #16-01, a portion of 7th Avenue West; and a portion of S Road G. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2016-0644](#)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Brian Wolfe met with the Court regarding Deputy Cliff Hill's retirement. Sheriff Wolf requested that Deputy Hill's service weapon be declared surplus property and explained that staff would then like to purchase the weapon from the County and gift it to Deputy Hill. Sheriff Wolfe said the value of the gun is between \$300 and \$350; it is a Glock 21, .45-caliber, Second Generation. The office is currently purchasing Generation 4 weapons. By consensus, the Court declared Deputy Hill's service weapon surplus property. Additionally, the Court was invited to a no-host retirement celebration for Deputy Hill on February 26, 2016.

Sheriff Wolfe also told the Court he will be holding a Town Hall meeting on March 3, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Vale High School.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of February 17, 2016 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATED COUNTY POLICY 400 - SMOKING AND VAPING

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve updates to County Policy 400 - Smoking and Vaping. The updated policy is necessary due to changes in State law. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2016-0629](#)

SEACT

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Alan Daniels to the Southeast Area Commissions on Transportation (SEACT). Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Daniels will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ken Freese who is moving out of the area.

BUDGET WORKSHEET

The Court members assisted in completing the County Court's 2016-2017 budget worksheet. It was requested that the Executive Assistant position be moved to full-time to enable the office to be open to the public between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (rather than 3:00 p.m. as it currently is). The matter will be further discussed at the County budget meetings in April.

IGA - MARION COUNTY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Marion County and Malheur County for Juvenile detention services. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 30, 2018. A copy will be returned for recording.

INSURANCE ON BROGAN PROPERTY

Ms. DuBois explained that the underwriter at CCIS (City/County Insurance) needs to know what kind of coverage the County wants on the manufactured structure at the Brogan property - replacement or actual cash value. Commissioner Wilson recommended the insurance be for replacement value. Commissioner Hodge and Judge Joyce concurred.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACANCY

It was discussed that Commissioner Hodge had recently visited with staff at the Health Department and an inquiry was made as to when they could fill their vacant RN position. It was noted that in December 2015 the Court had imposed a temporary hiring freeze on vacant positions, excluding the Sheriff's Office and DA's Office, until labor negotiations with AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) were complete. As of this time, negotiations are still ongoing. Commissioner Wilson moved that the temporary hiring freeze continue and the RN position remain vacant due to the uncertainty of labor negotiations and budgetary restraints. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.