

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
February 12, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Mendiola present. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Present in the meeting room was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski. 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 # 2025-0360

PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEES

Planning Department Director Carol Parker met with the Court and presented a proposal to adjust the fees collected by the Planning Department for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The proposal includes increasing some fees, reducing two fees, and keeping some fees at the current rate. Fees collected by the Planning Department have not been increased since 2006. The two fees proposed to be reduced are boundary line adjustment, and temporary hardship dwelling; Commissioner Jacobs visited with Ms. Parker about the rationale behind reducing the fees. Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to the justification for the proposed increases to other fees; Ms. Parker explained it is the time involved in processing the applications (reviewing the property details and applying the applicable standards in the development code), writing staff reports and orders, and expenses such as required mailings. The Court took the proposal under advisement. See instrument # 2025-0361 for the written memo and fee table.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of February 5, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R25-03 - In the Matter of: Resolution Amending Malheur County Local Public Contracting Rules, Exempting Certain Classes of Contracts; and Adopting Rules for Personal Service Contracts. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. All Capital Outlay construction projects (road, building, and public works) are to be approved by the County Court; "Approve" means review plans, bids/quotes, contracts, change orders and periodically receive updates on the project. See instrument # 2025-0362

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R25-05: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate ODOT (Oregon Department

of Transportation) Transportation Safety grant funds that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted; these funds are to be used to purchase a speed detection trailer to enhance speed outreach, education and enforcement activities in Malheur County. See instrument # 2025-0363

FAIR ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Mendiola moved to appoint Cody Franklin to the Fair Advisory Board. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ENERGY RESILIENCE PROGRAM GRANT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize Mr. Rembowski to act as a signer to submit the County Energy Resilience Grant Program application. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDED RESOLUTION - USDA GRANT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Amended Resolution R25-04 - In the Matter of: Resolution to Obtain for and on Behalf of County of Malheur a Grant through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amended resolution corrects the grant application amount. See instrument # 2025-0356

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve signing of a letter of support for funding assistance for Owyhee Irrigation District (OID) to upgrade and add irrigation system components to further irrigation system automation to increase water delivery efficiency. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-0364

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL GRANT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Grant Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Oregon Invasive Species Council Education and Outreach Grant, ODA-4591-GR. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The grant is for quagga/zebra mussel education and outreach. A copy will be returned for recording.

IGA #26018 AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Seventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2024-2025 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services, Agreement # PO-44300-00026018. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Start-up Community Mental Health Services (MHS 27) funds are awarded. See instrument # 2025-0379

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jacobs noted that the Oregon Legislature is currently in session and there are many bills under consideration; the public may testify on bills at public hearings or submit written testimony.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.