

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021**

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 Don Hodge and Commissioner Ron Jacobs present. Various members of the public, media, and staff were present electronically. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website 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 # 2021-0655

### **ODOT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services (MCOA&CS) Transportation Manager Brittany White met with the Court and reviewed three Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) grant applications:

Section 5310 Application FY 2021-23 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - grant funds are for Purchased Services to help maintain the existing public transportation services that SRT-Malheur Express provides to community seniors and people with disabilities such as accessible fixed route services, paratransit services, accessible commuter route and demand response services.

Special Transportation Fund (STF) Grant Funding Application FY 2021-23 - grant funds are to maintain existing accessible public transportation programs and services for seniors and people with disabilities in Malheur County and its surrounding areas; to maintain funding for Department of Human Services Senior and People with Disabilities Department to purchase rides from local transportation providers for otherwise ineligible clients in order to gain access to services such as banking, shopping, social events, medical appointments and social services; and to maintain the travel voucher program for Lifeways and Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living for their consumers who are elderly or are a person with a disability for utilization on SRT- Malheur Express public transit services.

Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Grant Funding Application 2021-2023 - grant funds are for administrative expenses not directly related to providing public transit services, but supports the effective, efficient and safe delivery of services; and to provide funding for expenses directly related to the operation, delivery, maintenance and preservation of existing rural public transit services in Malheur County.

Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the submittal of the three ODOT grant applications. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of February 9, 2021 and Court Minutes of February 10, 2021 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #06-21 to Idaho Power Company to replace a pole and install a bank of transformers on Alameda Drive #863. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

### **AMENDMENT - IGA #159822**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Seventeenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2019-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is awarded for Program Element 01-07 Contract Tracing. A copy will be returned for recording.

### **RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING SENATE BILL (SB) 16**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R21-07: A Resolution in Support of SB 16. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. SB 16 would increase opportunities for rural residential development in the Border Board region. See instrument #2021-0656

### **PROCLAMATION - PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**

Paula Olvera and Judi Trask from Lifeways met with the Court; Judge Joyce requested Ms. Olvera read the Problem Gambling Awareness month proclamation.

Malheur County Proclamation  
Problem Gambling Awareness Month

WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2021 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue impacting approximately 800 Malheur County residents of all ages, races, economic and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their friends, and families; and

WHEREAS, Problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities; with an estimated cost to Oregonians of more than \$500 million annually in higher rates of bankruptcy, loss of relationships, criminal activity, loss of productivity in the work force, and other mental health and addiction problems; and

WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and Oregon has been recognized by the World Lottery Association as a world leader in responsible gaming; and

WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling, and Malheur County Prevention invite all residents of Malheur County, Oregon to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

NOW THEREFORE, we, as Malheur County Court, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as:

Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Malheur County Oregon  
and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling, and Malheur County Prevention in their efforts to implement problem gambling Awareness Plus Action with friends, family, patients, clients and all Malheur County residents about gambling addiction.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the month of March 2021 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Court signed the proclamation.

#### **RIVER DEMOCRACY ACT**

Commissioner Jacobs requested that the Wyden/Merkley legislation known as the River Democracy Act be placed on the next week's agenda for discussion.

#### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.