

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**February 22, 2017**

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.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

### **LYTLE BOULEVARD LANDFILL**

Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes, Environmental Health Specialist Eric Evans and Chad Gerulf from Steve's Backhoe Service met with the Court. Mr. Geddes presented a personal services contract with Steve's Backhoe Service to dig and maintain a trench(es) at the Landfill specifically established for demolition and debris associated with collapsed buildings and structures from the winter storm events. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Personal Service Contract to Operate and Maintain Lytle Boulevard Landfill Special Solid Waste Permit No. 1589 for Disposal of Demolition and Construction Debris Associated with Collapsed Buildings and Structures. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2017-0543](#)

Mr. Geddes also explained that the bids were received for the onion waste trenches. The low bidder was Warrington Construction with a bid of \$9.97 per ton. Mr. Geddes and the Court discussed what to set the fee at for disposal of onions in the special trench(es). The County will incur additional costs including costs associated with the landfill attendant's wage, closure costs of the special trench(es), as well as extra staff time in the office. Disposal of 35,000,000 pounds of onions is estimated to cost the County approximately \$40,000. Mr. Geddes recommended a fee of approximately \$6.00 per ton (in addition to the contractor fee of \$9.97 per ton). After discussion the Court opted to establish the fee based on the lowest option provided by Mr. Geddes. Commissioner Wilson moved to set the fee for disposal of onions in the special onion waste trench(es) at \$15.00 per ton (\$9.97 Contractor/\$5.03 County). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of February 15, 2017 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AMENDMENT - LEASE WITH BROGAN COMMUNITY SOCIETY**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve First Amendment to Lease by and between Brogan Community Society and Malheur County Recorded with Malheur County Clerk on August 30, 2006 as Instrument Number 2006-6441. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The lease is extended through August 31, 2019. See instrument #[2017-0544](#)

### **CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #06-17 with the City of Vale for a water transmission line for their Water System Improvement Project on W. Main Street, Ritter

Avenue, and Airport Road #1100. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

#### **COMMENT LETTER - IDAHO POWER'S HELLS CANYON 401 CERTIFICATION**

The Court signed a comment letter opposing the requirement for fish re-establishment contained in Idaho Power's draft Hells Canyon 401 certification. This requirement for fish re-establishment will undoubtedly result in higher electricity bills for county residents. See instrument #[2017-0545](#)

#### **CROWLEY ROAD - CLOSURE**

The Court authorized the immediate closure of Crowley Road, on both ends, because of high water and flooding.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS**

Fair Manager Lynelle Christiani met with the Court and explained that the insurance adjuster recommended the Fair contract with Jeff Schott, PE, of Pillar Consulting Group, Inc. to manage the fairgrounds demolition/replacement of three snow damaged buildings project. The Steering Committee met with Mr. Schott and the Fair Board recommends contracting with Mr. Schott for management of the demolition project. Mr. Schott's services will be paid for by the insurance company. Commissioner Wilson moved to contract with Mr. Schott for management of the demolition project. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Schott will contact Ms. Williams and an agreement will be drafted.

#### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Court was adjourned.