

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

January 9, 2019

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 from Malheur County Economic Development, Representative Lynn Findley and Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Supplemental Budget Resolution No. R19-03. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer. No public comments were received. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate Contingency funds in the Veterans Service Fund to be used in the support of Veterans Services. The hearing was closed. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution No. R19-03: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2019-0077](#)

Planner Eric Evans joined the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE FINDLEY - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Lynn Findley met with the Court and provided a legislative update. Assessor Dave Ingram joined the session. The legislative session starts January 22, 2019; a 3-day mandatory training session will be held next week for all legislators. During the recent Legislative Days, the House Revenue Committee introduced 45 revenue bills for this year's session. There are three heavy issues this year: carbon, education, and revenue reform. The Governor's budget challenges the Legislature to come up with an additional \$2.5 billion to fund all of her programs. The Secretary of State's Office recently released an audit report of State procurement actions and found that there is about \$1.6 billion wasted on procurement. Representative Findley has introduced 5 bills on behalf of the Eastern Oregon Boarder Board. 911 funding will also be revisited this session. Representative Findley answered various questions from the Court.

Representative Findley, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Braese left the meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court. Mr. Evans discussed with the Court that he would like to change the current vacant Planning Assistant position to a Management Assistant position. The Court was supportive of the change and confirmed that they would encourage that person attend planning related trainings when possible. Mr. Evans also discussed that he would like to leave open the possibility that as the office evolves it might be possible that the position move into a planner position; the Court agreed that they would be open to reevaluating the needs of the office as necessary. Mr. Evans also asked if the Court if they had any objections to him not attending

meetings/trainings out of the area for the next couple of months in order to keep the office open as often as possible; there were no objections from the Court members.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of January 2, 2019 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CHECK REGISTER

The Court signed the Accounts Payable book for August and September 2018.

INTERIM HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Rebecca Stricker as Interim Health Department Director, effective January 7, 2019. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Duties include those of Local Public Health Administrator (LPHA). See instrument #[2019-0078](#)

QUITCLAIM DEED - FARLEY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Quitclaim Deed to Jay and Cheryl Farley for Ref. #6303 & 903905. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This is a buy-back as the property was foreclosed on by the County for non-payment of property taxes. See instrument #[2019-0090](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

CCIS will be at the County the week of March 11, 2019 and several trainings will be offered. All employees will need to attend the Harassment training as the County is required to provide it to staff every two years. Two additional trainings will be offered for supervisors; the trainings should prove to be beneficial and insightful and all supervisors are highly encouraged to attend. The Court members confirmed they would attend the trainings. Details regarding the upcoming training opportunities will be sent to Department Heads/Elected Officials.

AMENDMENT - IGA #154122

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Eleventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment adds funding to Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response. A copy will be returned for recording. See Instrument #2019-161

HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The Court received applications for the Health Department Director vacancy. Interviews will tentatively be scheduled for January 23, 2019.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.