

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**March 20, 2019**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) - Real Property Transactions with Judge Joyce presiding with Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Wilson present. Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams. No decisions were made during or following the session.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - LICENSED FACILITIES PROGRAM**

Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes met with the Court. Mr. Geddes explained that the State remittance fees will be increasing 6.52% effective July 1, 2019. Fees for the County's Licensed Facilities program have not been increased since 2013. Mr. Geddes provided a fee schedule for rate increases of 5.6%; 7.5%; and 10% (rounded up to the nearest 5). The 5.6% increase would cover the increased State remittance fees; 7.5% or 10% would provide a small increase for the County also. Consensus of the Court was to proceed with the 7.5% proposed increase. Staff will schedule a public comment period and prepare a resolution.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of March 13, 2019 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Hodge was not present on March 13, 2019.)

### **AMENDMENTS TO IGA #153131**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Tenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health Substance Use Disorders, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #153131; Eleventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health Substance Use Disorders, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #153131; and Twelfth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health Substance Use Disorders, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #153131. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The financial assistance awards are amended in each of the amendments. Copies will be returned for recording. See instrument #2019-1173.

### **EOCCO CAC APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Kacee Donaldson, Jaime Mordhorst, and Raylyn Wilson to the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) Malheur Community Advisory Council (CAC). Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Undersheriff Travis Johnson met with the Court and provided an update on their budget. The Overtime line-item in the Sheriff budget is exhausted for the current fiscal year, due mostly to major incidents out of the Sheriff's Office control. The Sheriff's Office has the only fully trained and certified SERT team in the County and it has responded to two major events this year. The Sheriff's Office is also the lead investigative agency on the recent officer involved shooting that took place in Ontario. Some savings may be available in the personnel line-items for the time period in which there was a vacancy in Jordan Valley; and a patrol deputy recently gave notice and that position will be vacant until the hiring process is completed.

## **VIKING PILLAGE AND PLUNDER EVENT**

Kate Humphrey and Hugh Humphrey met with the Court and explained that the Vale Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Viking Pillage and Plunder" event on July 6, 2019. Also present was Undersheriff Johnson and County Counsel Stephanie Williams. This event will be an obstacle course race similar to the popular Spartan Race and is a fundraiser for the Vale Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Humphrey requested authorization to use Glenn Street Bridge/Bridge No. 45C120 (bridge between Glenn St and Lytle Blvd.) in the event. The race will begin in Wadleigh City Park, go across the bridge, clearing the river channel, and then go over the rail on the bridge and climb down a 20'x40' cargo net to the ground on the east side of the channel. The net would be clamped on the parapet wall under the rail and hooks will be fabricated that go down the net. The race will then continue up and down the hill on Butler's property and then back to the Park and cross the river at another location by crossing on a second cargo net placed over the river. Undersheriff Johnson has agreed to do traffic control at the bridge for the race. Mr. Humphrey confirmed medical response will be on site. Ms. Humphrey confirmed that Mr. Butler has agreed to the use of his property for the race. Ms. Humphrey has also discussed the proposal with Road Supervisor Dave Tiffany. Consensus of the Court was to authorize the use of the bridge for the event. Ms. Williams will draft an authorization permit for the event to be executed by the Chamber and County.

## **BUILDING PROGRAM**

Ms. Williams updated the Court on the process of transitioning the building program to an internalized County building program/department. A budget is being developed to include renting the current office location in Nyssa; with office hours Monday through Friday. The Building Official/Management Assistant/Permit Technician may be a direct hire from City/County Inspection Services; this position will report directly to the County Court and supervise day to day operations of staff and inspectors. The A-Level Structural Inspector would be a County employee and report to both the Building Official and County Court. The Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector can be contracted positions. Alternatively, State inspectors could be hired.

A recent AG opinion says that the building program cannot be contracted out in its entirety to a separate legal entity. By making the Building Official/Management Assistant/Permit Technician a County employee the program will comply with the AG opinion.

At a minimum, one vehicle will need to be purchased for the Building Codes Department. County staff including IT, Treasurer Jennifer Forsyth, and Accounting/Systems

Technician Judy Bond will need to be involved to evaluate internet and computer needs, discuss banking needs and establish policies, and conduct an office inventory.

The advertising/hiring process needs to begin in April.

**COUNTY POLICIES**

Various County policies are being updated/developed pursuant to the recommendations of CCIS. Those policies will be presented to the Court for adoption in April.

**COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.