

MALHEUR COUNTY COUR MINUTES

March 13, 2019

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present: Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

Also present was Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer.

WEED BOARD

Jerry Erstrom met with the Court and visited about enforcement of the County weed ordinance. Also present was Jessica Norton. Mr. Erstrom explained that the Weed Advisory Board will be focusing on enforcement and control/eradication of Class A weeds this year; infestations will be subject to mandatory control/eradication to include citing landowners into Justice Court if necessary, abatement measures, and placing liens on property. The Weed Advisory Board will also submit proposed revisions to the Class A weed list to the Court. The Court was supportive of the direction of the Weed Advisory Board.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of March 6, 2019 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

AGREEMENT FOR RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS - NEY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Second Agreement for Temporary Environmental Health Specialist Services - Restaurant Inspections with Melissa Ney. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #[2019-0812](#)

BUILDING PROGRAM

County Counsel Stephanie Williams discussed the County's building program with the Court. The contract with City/County Inspections Services expires June 2019; Mr. Ruddell has indicated that he wants to transition the building program to an internalized County program/department. Ms. Williams will work with Mr. Ruddell to accomplish this; it is hoped to have a County department in place by the end of 2019. There are many aspects to consider and implement in order to create this department.

EOCA DUES

The Court authorized payment of Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) FY2019/20 membership dues in the amount of \$15,400.

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #11-19 to South Board of Control to place pipe across Lonesome Road west of Desert Glen Road #620. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved to sign the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department County Parks Assistance Program Certification Statement for July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The estimated RV fee revenue distribution for Malheur County is \$57,424.00 which will be budgeted in the Marine and Parks budget. See instrument #[2019-0813](#)

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Robert "Bob" Quick to the Planning Commission. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Planner Eric Evans joined the session and offered to answer any questions the Court may have had. Mr. Quick will fill the position recently vacated by Frank Ausman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) - Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Wilson present. No decisions were made during the session. Planner Eric Evans was later asked to join the session.

PLANNING DIRECTOR

Commissioner Wilson moved to increase Planner Eric Evans salary one Step effective with the April payroll; and noted that Mr. Evans will be eligible for the next Step increase with his anniversary date in September and COLA to be determined in July. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.