

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**March 10, 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 Ron Jacobs present. Commissioner Don Hodge was absent. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. 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 # 2021-1002

### **PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of supplemental budget Resolution R21-08. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer. A public hearing was required as the supplemental budget will adjust the current budget fund by 10% or more of the expenditures of that fund. No public comments were received. The hearing was closed. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R21-08: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate Oregon Health Authority Grant ELC ED funds in the Health Department budget that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared; the funds are to be used as outlined by the Program Element. See instrument #2021-1006

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of February 24, 2021 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

### **CROSSING PERMITS**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #10-21 to Idaho Power Company to change out a crossarm and install a transformer on Kingman Road #957; Crossing Permit #11-21 to Don Ensz to trench across Hill Crest Drive #872 for irrigation pipe; and Crossing Permit #12-21 to Brent Ishida Farms for trench work for irrigation pipeline on Cassia Road #953. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

### **RIVER DEMOCRACY ACT**

The Court did not further discuss the River Democracy Act and requested the matter be placed on the next meeting agenda.

### **ORDER FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTIES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order No. GO-03-21: Order for the Sale of County Properties. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The County Land Sale will be held on April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. See instrument 2021-1003

### **HEALTH OFFICER AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Employment Agreement for Health Officer Services between Malheur County and Dr. Sarah Laiosa. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. The agreement terminates December 31, 2021. See instrument # 2021-1004

### **CONTRACT - VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CARE**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Personal Service Contract between Valley Family Health Care, Inc. (VFHC) and Malheur County for School Based Mental Health Services - MHS13. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Valley Family Health Care will provide the School Based Mental Health Services MHS 13 as defined in Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #166050 between Malheur County and Oregon Health Authority. The agreement terminates December 31, 2021. See instrument 2021-1005

### **COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

There are currently vacancies on the County Budget Committee and the Compensation Board. The Court was asked to seek volunteers to serve on both.

### **COUNTY RISK LEVEL DESIGNATION**

Malheur County will remain at the Moderate Risk Level for an additional two weeks. Malheur County qualifies for High Risk but is given a two-week caution period at Moderate Risk as it was moved down from Extreme Risk in the last movement period. Under the Sector Risk Level Guidance offices are encouraged to close to the public, if possible, when in the Extreme Risk Level. After discussion, consensus of the Court was to unlock the Courthouse front doors beginning Monday, March 15, 2021. Circuit Court has resumed jury trials. Appointments with County offices are encouraged. Face coverings are required and occupancy limits are to be followed (using 35 square feet net area per person). All Oregon OSHA (Oregon Safety Health Association) COVID-19 rules remain in place as well as the County's Infection Control Plan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.