

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

March 31, 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 Don Hodge and Commissioner Ron Jacobs present. 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 # 2021-1341

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION (JCP) PLAN

Juvenile Department Director Susan Gregory met with the Court and reviewed the draft 2021-2023 Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Plan. The Plan was created in collaboration with community partners with input from local school staff and probation counselors. The goal is to continue to see positive outcomes to include fewer youth getting in trouble as evidenced by reduced referral rates. In 2020 there was a considerable decrease in referrals; COVID-19 is likely a partial cause for the decrease as youth were not in school and for the most part staying home. This however brings in new problems to the equation such as disconnect from school and society, mental health issues and likely increased substance use. An education component - learning pods - is being added in the hope that school "F" rates and attendance rates can be improved. The population served will be youth ages 10 to 17 who reside in Malheur county or whose family resides in Malheur county; they may be offenders or non-offenders. Each of the programs are verified as either effective evidence based, research based, and/or practice-based prevention and intervention approaches that utilize the youth program quality principles, trauma-informed practices, and leverage developmental relationships. Programs were also verified as culturally appropriate, sexual orientation specific and gender identity specific. Programs include: Boys Council and Girls Circle, Boys & Girls Club of the Western Treasure Valley, System of Care/Wraparound Service, Learning pods, MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy) and Juvenile Administration funds to support local positive youth events and strategies. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the draft plan and the use of the funds for the programs as presented. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2021-1431

FAIRGROUNDS GRANT APPLICATION

Fairgrounds Manager Lynelle Christiani met with the Court and explained that the Fair Board is applying for a grant from the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board in an effort to obtain grant funds to hire an architect and/or engineer to develop a Master Plan for the fairground's property. The Court was supportive of the grant application. Commissioner Hodge moved to and sign a supplemental letter to go with the Fair Board's grant application. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2021-1342

ROAD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT - FROERER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

County Counsel Stephanie Williams explained that the Planning Commission met last Thursday, March 25, 2021 and continued their hearing regarding the application for the Preliminary Arcadia Industrial Park Subdivision Plat to accommodate the Treasure Valley Reload Center. Staff and various attorneys (County Counsel, outside legal counsel hired by the County, and the Froerer's attorney) have been working with the Froerer family to work through the issues presented by Froerers. An agreement was reached on March 25, 2021 that resulted in the Froerer's withdrawing their objections to the matter. County Counsel individually spoke with the Court members and separately secured their signatures on the Agreement document. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Road Improvement Agreement between the Froerer Family Limited Partnership, Malheur County, and Malheur County Development Corporation, nunc pro tunc to March 25, 2021. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Agreement concerns construction of an alternative farm use access road to mitigate for the closure of the private railroad-road grade crossing/intersection at Gem Avenue and Union Pacific Railroad Company. Up to \$100,000 will be paid to Alscott Farms LLC to acquire a needed easement; MCDC will design, construct and obtain all permits required for the roadway and pay up to \$300,000 for the actual, fair and reasonable costs, as determined by ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation). The total amount paid by MCDC (Malheur County Development Corporation) for the easement and roadway shall not exceed \$400,000. See instrument # 2021-1345

Ms. Williams is currently assisting with various public records requests and has correspondence from ODOT regarding the \$400,000 that will be submitted as part of the County's response to the public records requests.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of March 10, 2021 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Hodge was not present on March 10, 2021.) Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of March 17, 2021 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Jacobs was not present on March 17, 2021.)

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #13-21 to Y1 Farms Inc for placement of a culvert across 11th Avenue West #515; and Crossing Permit #14-21 to Idaho Power Company to install a pole and transformer on Pioneer Road #917. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

RIVER DEMOCRACY ACT

There was no discussion on this matter.

LETTER TO GOVERNOR

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve submittal of a letter to Governor Brown requesting changes to the ranking and restrictions placed on the County due to COVID-19, nunc pro tunc to

March 19, 2021. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2021-1344

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Judge Joyce is in conversation with someone about serving on the Budget Committee. The Compensation Board recently held their annual meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT - CITY OF VALE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign a letter of support for the City of Vale's grant application for wastewater treatment facility headworks improvements of their Willowcreek Lift Station. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2021-1343

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.