

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

April 1, 2020

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 present and Commissioner Larry Wilson present telephonically. Staff present was Building Official Adele Schaffeld, Planner Eric Evans and County Counsel Stephanie Williams. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website and Courthouse public bulletin board; 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 # [2020-1206](#)

Public present telephonically was Sharon Mahan.

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NUMBER 224

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 224: An Ordinance Updating the Malheur County Building Code Title 5, Chapter 3 of the Malheur County Code; and Declaring an Emergency. Notice of the hearing was advertised in the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and on the County website.

Building Official Adele Schaffeld explained it is necessary to update the building code in order to comply with the State codes and their administration (the building code program is the State's program and counties administer the program). Ordinance No. 222 was a temporary ordinance and sunsets April 2020. Ordinance No. 224 updates the County's Building Code in its entirety.

Judge Joyce asked for public comments; there was none. No written comments were received.

Judge Joyce closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hodge moved to read the ordinance by title only. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Judge Joyce read the title of Ordinance Number 224, "An Ordinance Updating the Malheur County Building Code Title 5, Chapter 3 of the Malheur County Code; and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Hodge moved to adopt Ordinance Number 224. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The effective date of the ordinance is April 1, 2020. See instrument # [2020-1204](#)

CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST EARTHQUAKE

Ms. Schaffeld explained that last night, March 31, 2020, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck 72 miles northeast of Boise; the earthquake was felt in Malheur County. Two weeks ago, Salt Lake (Utah) experienced an earthquake and Malheur County sits on the same fault. Go Kits and damage assessment tools are in place at the Building Department. Ms. Schaffeld sent out a press release early this morning regarding yesterday's earthquake encouraging the public to review their property for damage. Additionally, Ms. Schaffeld is certified by FEMA (Federal Emergency

Management Assistance) to perform earthquake rapid visual assessments on post-earthquake buildings and has the ATC-20 forms.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of March 18, 2020 and March 25, 2020 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #16-20 to Track Utilities for work on Arabian Drive #1102; and Crossing Permit #17-20 to Track Utilities to place new service on Haul Road #1514. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.

Oregon Department of Agriculture Wolf Compensation and Financial Assistance 2020 Grant Agreement - Grant #ODA-4212-GR recorded as instrument #[2020-1309](#)