

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**April 6, 2022**

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. Members of the media, public, and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse 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 # 2022-1742

**PUBLIC HEARING - LANDFILL RATES**

Present for the public hearing to consider proposed increases to Lytle Boulevard Landfill fees was Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes (present electronically) and Environmental Health Clerk Kelly Friend. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer on March 23, 2022.

Judge Joyce opened the hearing. Mr. Geddes explained the proposed increases reflect a 15% increase to the current basic fees, an increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 for the Minimum Charge, and some slight increases to some of the special fees. No written comments were received.

No oral public comments were received.

Judge Joyce closed the hearing. Commissioner Hodge moved to implement the new landfill fees as proposed effective July 1, 2022. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2022-1743

**PROCLAMATION; DROUGHT DECLARATION**

Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court. Lt. Harriman presented a proclamation for the Court' consideration:

**PROCLAMATION PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK APRIL 10-16  
2022 BY THE MALHEUR COUNTY COURT, OREGON**

WHEREAS, since 1981 the Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States have established one week in April as National Telecommunicators Week; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that telecommunicators are critical to the interest and well-being of the community, the Malheur County Court, recognized our local Telecommunicators as "First Responders" in resolution number R20-28 on July 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time of the day and night. They can range from a serious medical emergency, to an active fire or need for law enforcement assistance. Often when an individual encounters an emergency they reach for the phone and dial 911. The men and women

who answer these calls for help are trained to gather essential information, dispatch the proper resources and provide vital information and instructions to a caller in distress; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the end of the phone. They are knowledgeable and skilled professionals who work closely with law enforcement, fire and medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, our County enjoys a high standard of public health and safety and we owe a great deal of gratitude to them. During this special observance we extend a profound thank you to each operator who answers our request for help -- Tom, Robin, Kathy, Carisa, Stephanie, Ashley and Lori.

NOW THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court Proclaims the week of April 10th-16th to be Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. We invite all residents to observe this week in honor of our telecommunicators who help protect our health and safety.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim April 10-16, 2022 Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lieutenant Harriman also presented a resolution declaring a state of emergency within Malheur County due to severe drought conditions. Ten other Oregon counties have filed drought declarations. Based on a report by the U.S. Drought Monitor dated March 29, 2022, most of Malheur County is currently in Severe Drought (D2) conditions, and some in Extreme Drought (D3) conditions, with predictions only showing worsening conditions. Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign Resolution R22-09: In the Matter of Declaring a State of Emergency within Malheur County. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2022-1744

### **CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #17-22 to City of Nyssa for their water line extension project on Arcadia Blvd. #928. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of March 30, 2022 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - CAWLFIELD**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Temporary Employment Agreement Resource Nurse Practitioner - Malheur County Health Department (PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) Retiree) with Jolene Cawlfild. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 30, 2022. See instrument # 2022-1746

### **IS DIRECTOR VACANCY**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to offer the IS (Information Services) Director position to the selection committee's number one candidate, pending reference and background checks. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R22-07: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate Fiscal Recovery funds in the American Rescue Plan Fund that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared – these funds are to be used for response to the COVID-19 pandemic as allowed by the US Treasury. No public comments were received. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R22-07. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-1745

### **PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - KITTELSON**

Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services (MCOA&CS) Transportation Manager Brittney White presented the contract with Kittelson & Associates for consulting services to update the Malheur County Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan. The protest period expired March 30, 2022; no protests were received. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Personal Service Contract between Malheur County and Kittelson & Associates Inc. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2022-1747

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.