

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**April 9, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Present in the meeting room was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and public member Raymond Hage. 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 # 2025-1007

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT - WEED DEPARTMENT**

Weed Inspector Amanda Zander met with the Court and presented proposals that were received in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for ground-based herbicide application for multiple weed control projects in the County. The RFP was sent to eight (8) commercial applicators; Scarlett Spraying LLC (Limited Liability Company) and Blue Solutions LLC returned complete proposals by the April 1, 2025 deadline. Scarlett Spraying LLC is currently not licensed in Oregon. Commissioner Jacobs moved to award the contract to Blue Solutions LLC. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There is a 7-day protest period; protest of the selection of the contractor must be submitted in writing to Ms. Zander within 7 days.

### **CROSSING PERMITS**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Crossing Permit #16-25 to Idaho Power for work on Owyhee Avenue #1036; and Crossing Permit # 17-25 to Idaho Power for work on Alameda Drive #863. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of April 2, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CHECK REGISTER**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Accounts Payable Register for January, February and March 2025. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **WORK PLAN - UNDERFILL EH DIRECTOR**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the work plan for an Underfill Environmental Health Director. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The work plan and job offer will be presented to the applicant.

## **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department County Parks Assistance Program Certification Statement for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The estimated RV (Recreational Vehicle) fee revenue distribution for Malheur County is \$56,327 which will be budgeted in the Marine and Parks budget. See instrument # 2025-1008

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK - APRIL 13-19, 2025**

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 the sentries standing guard over us at night. Alert and ready to answer the call for service with whatever help that caller needs at the time. Knowledgeable, skilled and certified 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, Kathy, Stephanie, Ashley, Michele, Brooke, Jason, Genesis, Jami, Gracey, Brittany, Charlotte, and Ashley.

NOW THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court Proclaims the week of April 13th – 19th 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 the week of April 13-19, 2025 to be Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court and Lt. Rich Harriman expressed appreciation to the County public safety telecommunicators.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public; there were none.

**COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.