

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
April 27, 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 # 2022-2044

PROCLAMATION - BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Building Official Adele Schaffeld met with the Court and presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as Building Safety Month; also present were Kraig Stevenson, ICC (International Code Council) Government Relations Department; Casey Kump, Field Deputy State Fire Marshal; Alana Cox, State Building Codes Division; Jess Tolman, Vale Fire Chief; and Terry Leighton, Ontario Fire Chief. Ms. Schaffeld provided an update on some of the outreach activities of the department including donation of construction books to the Vale Elementary School book vending machine program, and code books for the Nyssa High School and Vale High School construction programs.

Ms. Schaffeld read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION - BUILDING SAFETY MONTH - MAY 2022

Whereas, our County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials— who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, “Safety for All: Building Codes in Action,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the County Court of Malheur County do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Commissioner Hodge moved to declare May as Building Safety Month. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The themes for this year's Building Safety Month are: Planning for a Safe and Sustainable Tomorrow; Exploring Careers in Building Safety; Understanding Disaster Mitigation; and Creating a Safe and Abundant Water Source. Ms. Schaffeld thanked those present for their partnership.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Weed Inspector Amanda Zander met with the Court and presented recommendations for selection of pesticide applicators for weed control work funded with ODA (Oregon Department of Agriculture) grant funds and Vale District BLM (Bureau of Land Management) funds. Bids were requested from four contractors; two contractors submitted bids. Ms. Zander recommended awarding the Weed Department projects to Branch Enterprises (Jonesboro project area); Branch Enterprises is familiar with the area and recently did work for the Tribe there. And recommended awarding the BLM Leafy Spurge project (in the Malheur Reservoir area) to Blue Solutions; Blue Solutions has done previous work on this project and is highly efficient in the treatments in this location. BLM and the Weed Department have an Assistance Agreement. Commissioner Hodge moved to award the contracts are recommended by Ms. Zander. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There is a 7-day protest period; protest of the selection of a contractor must be submitted in writing to Ms. Zander within 7 days.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #19-22 to Idaho Power Company for pole replacements on Owyhee Avenue #1036; Permit #20-22 to Track Utilities LLC for a road bore to provide CTL (CenturyLink) service to a customer on Butte Drive #885; Permit #21-22 to Idaho Power Company for pole replacements on Heritage Drive #555; and Permit #22-22 to Idaho Power Company for pole replacements on Eureka Avenue #862. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of April 13, 2022 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY - APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Commissioner Jacobs explained that he had reviewed the applications and supporting documents submitted by general counsel for the Owyhee Irrigation District. Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Greg Clark as the Owyhee Irrigation District Division 5 Board Director. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - AMASON

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve First Amendment to Temporary Employment Agreement to Perform LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) Entry/Dispatcher - Malheur County Sheriff's Office, Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2021-5406. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement terminates September 30, 2022. See instrument # 2022-2047

FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Garrett Chamberlain to the Fair Board as a voting member. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Joe Jones and Nikki Jones to the Fair Board as advisory members. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT - IGA #173143

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Third Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services #173143. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The financial and service information in the Financial Assistance Award is amended. See instrument # 2022-2045

BUDGET TRANSFER

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution No. R22-12: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funds are transferred within the Veterans CVS0 Expansion Fund. See instrument # 2022-2046

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign a letter of support for a Preserving Oregon Grant that the Malheur Historical Project is submitting for the Rinehart Stone House Museum Masonry Repair Project. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-2048

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.