

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

MAY 18, 2016

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Health Department Director Angie Gerrard met with the Court and provided information on civil rights compliance responsibilities. As part of the Health Department's triennial review process it is necessary to ensure that staff, including the governing board members, are familiar with the civil rights compliance responsibilities. Ms. Gerrard explained that a public entity and local public health authority, must be able and prepared to accommodate members of the public regardless of their abilities or preferred language, or any legally protected status, in a safe and respectful way at no cost to them. Some areas of consideration the Health Department currently ensures include:

- Service and hiring considerations may not be influenced by a person's having any federal or state protected status
- Accessible entrance, corridors, doorways, reception window, restroom, etc.
- Key signage (e.g. restroom) in braille
- TTY line to communicate by phone with the deaf or hearing impaired
- Staff with language interpreter certification in Spanish/English
- Interpreter phone service for clients who speak a language other than English or Spanish
- Written materials and signage in predominant languages and translatable into others as needed
- Civil rights notices publicly posted, including information on grievance procedures
- Reasonable accommodations to current or potential staff to do work for which they are qualified
- Ensuring facility updates or changes comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements
- Annual staff training in Civil Rights and Cultural Competency
- Policies on Non-Discrimination, Grievance Procedure, Language Proficiency, Auxiliary Aids and Services for Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Gerrard also provided the Court members handouts of the most recent staff training power point and a Summary of Protected Classifications handout.

Pat Caldwell of the Malheur Enterprise joined the meeting.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of May 11, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #15-16 to Romans Precision Irrigation to disc, install, and backfill an electrical crossing for irrigation on 2nd Ave W #950.

Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Supplemental Budget Resolution R16-12. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer. Ms. DuBois explained the purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate the spending of 5310 Department of Transportation funds which were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. This increases the Special Transportation Fund appropriations by \$112,298. No public comments were received. Judge Joyce closed the public hearing. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R16-12: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2016-1676](#)

PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Crystal Wallace and Loni Debban from MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) met with the Court and presented a proclamation declaring May 2016 as Older Americans Month. Ms. Wallace read the proclamation:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH PROCLAMATION BLAZE A TRAIL, MAY 2016

Whereas, Malheur County includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our nation; and

Whereas, Malheur County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers - advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities - paving the way for future generations; and

Whereas, Malheur County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement.
- Emphasizing home - and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

Now, therefore, We of Malheur County do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

The Court signed the proclamation.

Ms. Wallace and Ms. Debban also provided information on an upcoming Baked Potato Bar Caregiver Fundraiser to benefit the 2016 "A Gift of Time" family caretaker retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Legal Counsel with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Wilson present. Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, and Pat Caldwell of the Malheur Enterprise. No decisions were made during the session.

LITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH LINN COUNTY

Commissioner Hodge moved to sign the Unfunded Mandate Litigation Agreement, SB 454 (2015), with Linn County, with the understanding that the agreement be submitted to Linn County by the deadline of May 23, subject to Ms. Williams clarifying some provisions with Linn County. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.