

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**May 25, 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 # 2022-2626

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Building Official Adele Schaffeld met with the Court. Ms. Schaffeld explained that she has been conducting a review of existing fees and is proposing reducing the Pump and Irrigation electrical fee. The current fee is \$130 per pump (these are the pumps used by farmers and ranchers). There is an additional fee for service and feeder (\$80 each). The department issues approximately 130 of these permits per year. Whether a farmer/rancher is installing one irrigation pump or five pumps, it usually involves a total of two inspections. Baker's fee is \$76.31 and La Grande's is \$68.75. Ms. Schaffeld proposed reducing the \$130 fee to \$68.75 (a 47% reduction), effective July 1, 2022, and then re-evaluate again in another year. The Court was supportive of the proposal. Commissioner Jacobs moved to support the County Building Department proposal to reduce the pump and irrigation fee as proposed. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Schaffeld also explained that the demolition permit fee is being reduced to \$65. (This fee is not implemented by fee schedule but rather by policy.) The State will be in the County this summer to give a presentation for contractors on the e-permitting minor labels program. Ms. Schaffeld is working on drafting a proposal for a possible refund incentive program for new residential construction. Additionally, she will participate in the Firewise program at TVCC (Treasure Valley Community College) tonight.

### **ROAD NAMING/RENAMING POLICY**

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court and presented a County Road Naming and Renaming Policy for the Court's consideration. Road naming/renaming is not a common request in the County and is not addressed in ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes). The policy will provide for uniformity when a request is made to name/rename a County road and outlines the process. Commissioner Jacobs moved to adopt the Malheur County Road Naming and Renaming Policy as presented. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-2628

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Special Meeting Minutes Pursuant to Initiative Measure No. 23-64 of May 9, 2022 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of May 11, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ROAD ACCEPTANCE - PARTITION PLATS**

Commissioner Hodge moved to accept road dedication of portions of Succor Creek Road and Ridgeview Road on Donald S Beebe's Partition Plat #22-08, instrument # 2022-2624; and a portion of Arcadia Boulevard on Robert DeLeon Jr's Partition Plat #22-09, instrument # 2022-2625. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AGREEMENT - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement, Contract #DOR-065-22 with Department of Revenue for map maintenance and related cartographic activities to be performed by Department of Revenue for Malheur County for fiscal year 2022/2023. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2022-2645

### **CORRECTED QUITCLAIM DEED**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to execute corrected Quitclaim Deed to Government Land Sales for Ref. #12581. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The referenced map number in the description was corrected in the deed. See instrument # 2022-2629 (original recorded as instrument #2022-2373)

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Court received an email inquiring if they wanted Ryan Bailey to attend the annual convention for the Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association in June. Americold will be present at the convention to discuss the Treasure Valley Reload Center. Consensus of the Court was for Mr. Bailey to attend the convention.

### **FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – WASTE CONNECTIONS / ONTARIO SANITARY SERVICE**

Scott Wilson, Nate Wilson and Chris Welker met with the Court. County Counsel Stephanie Williams explained she worked with Mr. Welker of Waste Connections to draft the franchise agreement; Ms. Williams reviewed some of the highlights of the agreement with the Court. The franchise agreement's initial term is five years, after which it will renew as a continuing five-year franchise; the franchise fee is 3%. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement Granted to Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc. Doing Business as Ontario Sanitary Service. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-2627

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.