

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
May 4, 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 # 2022-2369

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R22-11: 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 State Mental funds that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared- these are pass through funds used for services outlined in the intergovernmental agreement; and allocation of additional funds from the Department of Veterans' Affairs that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared - these funds will be used for advertising and promotion of services. No public comments were received. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R22-11. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #2022-2370

PROCLAMATION - DRUG COURT MONTH

Present for the proclamation for national drug court month were: Circuit Court Judge Erin Landis, Trial Court Administrator Marilee Aldred, Management Assistant Lydia Machuca, and Undersheriff Travis Johnson. Judge Landis explained that drug court has been in place in Malheur County for a number of years (known as SAFE (Stop Addiction for Ever) Court in Malheur County); Judge Landis read the proclamation:

Resolution/Proclamation
In Support of "National Drug Court Month"

WHEREAS treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS there are now nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

WHEREAS they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addition and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS treatment courts improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS treatment courts demonstrate that when one person's rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Malheur County declares that Drug Court Month be established during the month of May.

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

Judge Landis answered questions from those present.

PROCLAMATION - CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY WEEK

Present for the proclamation for correctional deputy week were Undersheriff Travis Johnson, Lieutenant Rachel Reyna, Sergeant Griffith, and Deputy Ordway. Undersheriff Johnson read the proclamation:

Proclamation by the Malheur County Court, Oregon
Correctional Deputy Week
May 2-6- 2022

WHEREAS, since 1984 the Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States have established the first week of May as National Correctional Officers' Week; and

WHEREAS, Malheur County considers the services of the Sheriff's Correctional Deputies to be critical to the interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, Corrections employees model ethical and pro-social behaviors while holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior and future victimization; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Deputies are highly trained and productive members of the County workforce; 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 member of the corrections staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court proclaims the week of May 2-6, 2022 to be Malheur County Corrections Week. We invite all residents to observe this week in honor of our Corrections Deputies who help to protect our health and safety.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the week of May 2-6, 2022 as Malheur County Corrections Week. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jacobs extended appreciation to all of the Corrections staff.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of April 27, 2022 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Budget Meeting Minutes of April 19 and April 20, 2022. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT - FIELD WALDO

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Personal Services Contract for Insurance Agent of Record (Recorded with Malheur County Clerk 2009-5516, 2014-1596 and 2019-2531) with Field-Waldo Insurance Agencies, Inc. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The contract expires June 30, 2027. Commissioner Jacobs noted that agent Ellen Martinez regularly attends County Safety Committee Meetings and consults with Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois on a regular basis. See instrument # 2022-2371

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Commissioner Hodge moved to accept the resignation of Juvenile Department Director Susan Gregory, effective May 10, 2022. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jacobs asked that the process to fill the vacancy be started; and noted that the District Attorney is willing to provide interim director duties and that current Juvenile Department staff may also agree to assume additional responsibilities in the interim.

QUITCLAIM DEEDS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to execute Quitclaim Deed to Government Land Sales for Ref. #12581. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The property was sold at the County Land Sale; consideration is \$3,100. See instrument # 2022-2373

Commissioner Hodge moved to execute Quitclaim Deed to Government Land Sales for Ref. #12196. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The property was sold at the County Land Sale; consideration if \$5,400. See instrument # 2022-2374

LETTER OF SUPPORT - CITY OF VALE

Commissioner Hodge moved to sign a letter of support for the City of Vale's Congressional Directed Spending Request to fund the wastewater treatment facility headworks improvements of their Willowcreek Lift Station. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-2372

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judi Trask with Lifeways commented that she has worked with Ms. Gregory for 17 years and expressed appreciation for the work she has done for the youth of the County and for the prevention coalition and expressed that she has been an awesome community partner.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.