

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
May 14, 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 were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski. 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 # 2025-1379

ROAD VACATION PETITION

County Surveyor Derrick McKrola met with the Court. Mr. McKrola presented a road vacation petition for the Court's consideration. The petition was received and the fee paid on April 30, 2025 requesting the vacation of portions of roads in the Brogan Township. The petitioner is Trent Kleinkopf. Brogan Township is unincorporated and zoned Rural Service Center. The petitioner is requesting to vacate portions of Second Avenue, Third Avenue, and Clark Street; the vacation will allow for petitioner to merge the properties he owns and allow for needed infrastructure for a new residential dwelling. Mr. McKrola recommends the vacation be approved as described in his report and that the streets be vested to the applicant. As the petitioner is 100% the abutting owner the Court has the discretion to vacate the roads without a hearing. The Court members will review the petition and Mr. McKrola's report. See instrument # 2025-1380 for the report and petition.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of May 7, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 235

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Amended Ordinance No. 235: An Ordinance for a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment to Include an 80 Acre Area of Tax Lot 3200 Map 16S47E of the Malheur County Assessor's Office as a Significant Aggregate Site to Malheur County's Comprehensive Plan, Goal 5, Mineral and Aggregate Inventory (Planning Department File 2023-12-010); Denying Mining of the Site. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-1381

CONTRACT – LEADING EDGE AVIATION

Commissioner Mendiola moved to authorize Judge Joyce to sign the Professional Service Contract for Aerial Weed Spraying with Leading Edge Aviation, LLC (Limited Liability Company). Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-1402

Judge Joyce closed the County Court session and opened the Ambulance Service District session.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT (ASD) SESSION

The Court met as the governing body of the Ambulance Service District (ASD). Interim ASD Coordinator Rich Harriman provided a briefing on the May 5, 2025 ASD Advisory Board meeting. Also present for the ASD session was Heather Land with Treasure Valley Paramedics (TVP). In the ASD Advisory Board meeting, Tim Rines was voted in as Chair and Timbra Burrup was voted in as Vice Chair. Lt. Harriman gave a report to the Advisory Board on the ASD tax assessment and that he was satisfied that businesses, hotels, RV parks, and homes are being assessed as they should be. Lt. Harriman also looked into the deficit in Disposable Medical Supply funds and found no stockpiling of supplies – mainly there just has been an increase in the cost of supplies. With both TVP and Vale Ambulance ordering supplies, there may be a little waste in spending as Vale Ambulance purchases single units and TVP orders in bulk and the ASD Advisory Board voted to go back to the single order hub process as used in the past and authorize only TVP to order the supplies for the providers. TVP is looking into possible software to track the inventory and waste of the disposable medical supplies.

The ASD Advisory Board also reviewed the requests for reimbursements for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and recommended the following:

Ontario Fire and Rescue - \$5,379.41
Vale Fire and Ambulance - \$7,584
Jordan Valley Ambulance - \$34,290.74
Adrian QRU (Quick Response Units) – \$18,984.23

No funding was recommended for Treasure Valley Paramedics. The Advisory Board discussed TVP's request for funding but voted to suspend any ASD funding to TVP until arrangements were made with the County for payment of past dispatch service fees. Lt. Harriman noted that Treasure Valley Paramedics has appealed this decision. A meeting of the Advisory Board will be scheduled to consider the appeal.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the reimbursements for funding as recommended by the Advisory Board. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-1382 for the approval of the recommendations for funding.

The ASD Session was adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce asked for public comments; there were no public comments. Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the County Court meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.