

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

May 21, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Commissioner Ron Jacobs at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Judge Dan Joyce was absent. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Present in the meeting room was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. 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 agenda is recorded as instrument # 2025-1686

TREASURE VALLEY PARAMEDICS (TVP) - QUARTERLY UPDATE

TVP, Inc. President Steve Patterson and Vice-President Heather Land met with the Court and provided a quarterly update per the terms of the personal services contract amendment. There is still a shortage of paramedics in the area; TVP currently has one going through his internship, two students with Chemeketa are getting ready to do their internship with TVP, and two more are currently in paramedic school. TVP currently has a lot of good EMTs. There have been some equipment troubles which are costly, but operations are still good. Mr. Patterson commented on the professionalism of the current staff. TVP is providing mutual aid for Payette County, Idaho and the Huntington area in Baker County (only when there is sufficient coverage for Malheur County). The Court did not have any questions and thanked TVP for the update and the service TVP provides.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of May 14, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed.

LABOR AGREEMENT - AFSCME

Commissioner Jacobs expressed appreciation to Ms. DuBois and Ms. Williams for their efforts in negotiating the labor agreement with AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees). Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve General Employees Labor Agreement with Malheur County Employees Local 3831, an affiliate of Oregon AFSCME Council 75 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed. The agreement expires December 31, 2027. See instrument # 2025-1687

CSA – WILDLIFE SERVICES (AERIAL)

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) between Malheur County Aerial (Cooperator) and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS); Agreement Number 25-7341-5124-RA. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed. The purpose of the Agreement is to conduct wildlife damage management (WDM) activities to manage coyotes, other predatory

and/or nuisance species in Malheur County to reduce damage and mitigate human health and safety threats. The agreement expires June 30, 2030. A copy will be returned for recording.

WILDLIFE SERVICES WORK PLAN (AERIAL)

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) APHIS Wildlife Services Work and Financial Plan, Cooperative Agreement No. 25-7341-5124-RA. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. The document defines the objectives, plan of action, resources and budget for the aerial cooperative wildlife services program in Malheur County to be conducted July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; the County's financial contribution to the program is \$10,000. A copy will be returned for recording.

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ROAD VACATION PETITION – KLEINKOPF

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve the road vacation petition for portions of roads in the Brogan Township as recommended by County Surveyor Derrick McKrola and without a public hearing as the petitioner, Trent Kleinkopf, is 100% the abutting owner. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. An Order will be drafted and presented to the Court at a later date.

PLANNING DIRECTOR

Commissioner Mendiola moved to authorize County Surveyor Derrick McKrola, County Counsel Stephanie Williams, and Commissioner Ron Jacobs to sign as Planning Director, effective May 20, 2025. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGER

Commissioner Mendiola moved to authorize County Surveyor Derrick McKrola and Building Official Adele Schaffeld to sign as Floodplain Manager, effective May 20, 2025. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobs asked for public comments; there were no public comments and the meeting was adjourned.