

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
May 28, 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 Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski; and public member Kelly Johnson. 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 # 2025-1773

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – MARINE PROGRAM

Sheriff Travis Johnson met with the Court and provided an update on the budget and funding. Sheriff Johnson explained that the Oregon State Marine Board funding was cut 30% for the biennium (approximately \$36,000 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year). A large amount of the Marine Board's funding comes through the U.S. Coast Guard; as Oregon is a sanctuary state, federal dollars are being withheld. Sheriff Johnson has discussed the reduction in funding with Budget Officer Lorinda DuBois. Ms. DuBois has suggested the County General Fund cover the loss for the 2025-2026 budget for the marine deputy position. The Court had no objections to the General Fund covering the loss of the State Marine Board funding for the 2025/2026 budget.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of May 21, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was absent on May 21, 2025.)

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Judge Joyce moved to approve Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Jacobs was absent on May 12, 2025.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Johnson gave public comments voicing concerns that the County roadmaster has made it clear that he would not buy material from Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson said he is competitive for all the material he sells and for crushing; and voiced concern for the waste of money and resources by not using his pit. Additionally, Mr. Johnson noted he will have a large dozer in the southern area of the county in the next couple of weeks.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.