

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**May 31, 2017**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Road Supervisor Richard Moulton, Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards, and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

Also present were Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer and John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

**TVP INC. - PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

Meeting with the Court from TVP (Treasure Valley Paramedics) were Steve Patterson, Heather Land, and Attorney Max Taggart. Mr. Patterson presented a personal services contract for emergency ambulance services for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Personal Services Contract for Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services, Ontario ASA and Nyssa ASA, Malheur County, Oregon. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires July 1, 2022. See instrument #[2017-2142](#)

Mr. Patterson explained that Baker County is requesting TVP to provide ambulance services in Huntington during the eclipse (August 2017) for possibly three days (stationing two ambulances in Huntington); Mr. Patterson expressed concern with the request as it may limit coverage in Malheur County. Mr. Patterson asked if the Court had any concerns with TVP denying the request to Baker County. Consensus of the Court was that TVP only assist Baker County as their resources allow.

**LAKE OWYHEE - OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Parks Manager Jim Hutton met with the Court and provided an update on matters at Lake Owyhee. Unsafe parking at Lake Owyhee is being addressed by State Parks; unsafe parking causes concerns for pedestrian safety as well as fire danger. State Parks is currently graveling flat areas to make designated safe parking areas; as well as blocking off unsafe areas. Currently, vehicles parking in non-designated areas are receiving compliance request notifications (written warnings) on their vehicles. Mr. Hutton is also working with Oregon State Marine Board to look at concepts for an additional parking area across the road from the Gordon Gulch boat ramp. Additional parking is greatly needed as the lake is large and can accommodate numerous boats but the parking for vehicles is very limited. Last weekend, a staff person was staged just after the Welcome sign and this person notified vehicles if parking was or was not available and offered possible alternatives.

Commissioner Wilson encouraged Mr. Hutton to assist with getting the County boat ramp reopened. It was discussed that the irrigation district is working on a partnership agreement with Bureau of Reclamation for the boat ramp.

State Parks has a management agreement with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) that begins in the area of the Welcome sign. "Parking in designated spaces only strictly enforced" signs are placed as you enter the park area.

Another possibility Mr. Hutton is exploring is obtaining a remotely operated message board(s) to place at the bottom of the road notifying vehicles of parking availability.

Two cabins at Indian Creek campground will be constructed this season. A temporary employee has been hired to staff the store at Indian Creek. And, perhaps in the future someone may be interested in implementing a shuttle business at the park.

### **BULLY CREEK PARK; CROSSING PERMITS**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Mr. Moulton explained that correspondence was received from Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) regarding extending the lease for Bully Creek an additional twenty years. Commissioner Hodge moved to extend the lease. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. BOR will draft a lease extension document.

Mr. Moulton also presented several Crossing Permits for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #25-17 to Idaho Power to replace a pole and install a transformer on Frontier Lane #873; Permit #26-17 to Idaho Power to replace a capacitor bank on Park Avenue #768; and Permit #27-17 to Idaho Power to install a pole to correct a clearance issue on Napton Road #1052. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of May 24, 2017 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was not present on May 24, 2017)

### **SPACE USE AGREEMENT WITH OSU**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Amendment 2 to the Space Use Agreement with Oregon State University (OSU) for the Malheur County Extension Service. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original Agreement recorded as instrument #2015-2062, Amendment 1 recorded as instrument #2016-2230. The agreement expires June 30, 2018. A copy will be returned for recording.

### **OHA ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Intergovernmental Grant Agreement Number 154357. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Program to be supported under this Agreement relates principally to OHA's Health Systems Member Services Community Partner Program. Funding is not to exceed \$100,000 and is to be used to inform and assist local communities of health coverage options and methods of applying for health coverage. A copy will be returned for recording. See instrument #2017-2269.

### **DEED - SEPULVEDA**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Bargain and Sale Deed to Juan Manuel Nuno Sepulveda for Ref. #4190. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2017-2143](#)

**DA'S OFFICE STAFF VACANCY**

Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the District Attorney's Office to advertise /hire internally (Malheur County staff) for a vacant Office Assistant II position immediately. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.