

# **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**May 5, 2021**

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. County staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Members of the media, public, and staff were present electronically. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website 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 # 2021-1996

## **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of April 28, 2021 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Budget Meeting Minutes of April 20 and April 21, 2021 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**

Present electronically for the signing of the proclamation in support of National Drug Court Month were Circuit Court Judge Erin Landis, Trial Court Administrator Marilee Aldred, and Management Assistant Lydia Machuca. Judge Landis explained that drug court has been in place in Malheur county for a number of years (known as SAFE Court in Malheur county); Judge Landis read the proclamation:

### **MALHEUR COUNTY PROCLAMATION 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 does hereby recognize May 2021 as

### **National Drug Court Month**

Which recognizes practitioners and participants who make drug courts work, and the significant contributions drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime in Malheur County and throughout the nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the County Judge and the County Commissioners of Malheur County have hereunto subscribed their names on this 5th day of May 2021.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the month of May as National Drug Court Month. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Court signed the proclamation.

### **LETTER - DISASTER PEAK RANCH**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to submit correspondence to Senator Lynn Findley and Representative Mark Owens regarding Western Rivers Conservancy's proposed transfer of Disaster Peak Ranch to Division of State Lands as well as Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's grant request to the US Fish and Wildlife Service seeking permanent funding for various species-specific restoration projects on Disaster Peak Ranch. The proposed transactions do not comply with the County's Natural Resource Management Ordinance. The County Court is opposed to the donation to the State of Oregon and the grant submission; and finds that it would be in the public's best interest to first explore land sale or exchanges with private parties, Western Rivers and the State in an effort to benefit watershed health, promote and enhance wildlife habitat and at the same time keep the net acres owned by the State in Malheur County at the current amount. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2021-1997 for the complete letter.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.