

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

June 10, 2020

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 Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Various members of the public, media and staff were present at various times of the meeting 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 # [2020-2019](#)

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF ASD BUDGET

The Court met as the governing body of the Ambulance Service District (ASD). Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R20-20 adopting the Ambulance Service District budget; notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer and posted on the County website. No public comments were received. Judge Joyce closed the hearing. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution R20-20: In the Matter of the Adoption of a Budget and Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 as Required by ORS 294.456. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2020-2020](#)

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of June 3, 2020 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT - IGA #159822

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Amendment #12: Amended and Restated 2019-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #159822. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Amended and Restated Agreement becomes effective on July 1, 2020. A copy will be returned for recording.

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF EXTENSION TAX DISTRICT BUDGET

The Court met as the governing body of the Malheur County Agricultural Educational Extension Service District. Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R20-21 adopting the Extension tax district budget; notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer and posted on the County website. No public comments were received. Judge Joyce closed the hearing. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R20-21: In the matter of the Adoption of a Budget and Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 as Required by ORS 294.456. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Total Appropriation is \$1,209,334 and the tax rate is \$0.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value. See instrument # [2020-2021](#)

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of Resolution R20-22 adopting the County budget; notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer and posted on the County website. Commissioner Hodge moved to include the Juvenile Department Director's

request to reclassify one Probation Counselor position to a Senior Probation Counselor position. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No public comments were received. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution R20-22: In the Matter of the Adoption of a Budget and Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 as Required by ORS 294.456. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The total sum of the budget for the 2020/21 fiscal year is \$33,442,332; and the tax rate is \$2.5823 per \$1,000 of assessed value. See instrument #[2020-2044](#) for the document listing the changes before budget adoption; and instrument #[2020-2022](#) for Resolution R20-22.

UPDATED COUNTY POLICY 105

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve updates to County Policy 105 - Computer Policy and Information Technology Security. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2020-2023](#)

ASSESSOR REPORT – APPEALS

Assessor Dave Ingram met with the Court and briefed them on large property tax appeals. Some appeal cases were dismissed; two cases had stipulations; and four public utility companies have accounts still in appeal. The appeals are in the Oregon Tax Court. Potential refund credits are held in accounts by the Treasurer and are an estimate of the amount of taxes in dispute.

AGREEMENT - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement, Contract #DOR-135-20 with Department of Revenue for map maintenance and related cartographic activities to be performed by Department of Revenue for Malheur County for fiscal year 2020/2021. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy will be returned for recording. See Instrument #2020-2070

AMENDMENT - LAKE OWYHEE ROAD FLAP AGREEMENT

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Amendment 2 to the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) agreement, Project Number/Name: OR MALHEUR 846(1), Owyhee Lake Road Overstreet Road - Owyhee Reservoir; Western Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA), FHWA Agreement #DTFH70-16-E-00041. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. County funding is increased by \$150.00 for project work for planning and preliminary engineering efforts to enhance Owyhee Lake Road. See instrument #[2020-2028](#) (Amendment 1 was executed unilaterally June 8, 2020 and extends the period of performance to December 31, 2020; and is recorded as instrument #[2020-2027](#))

AMENDED ORDER FOR SALE OF PROPERTIES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Amended Order for the Sale of County Properties, Order No. GO-06-20. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the sale of county properties is rescheduled from April 28, 2020 to July 14, 2020. See instrument #[2020-2024](#)

SUPPORT LETTER - MCOA&CS

The Court signed a letter of support for Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) to be submitted with their fiscal year end reporting. See instrument #[2020-2025](#)

PRESENTATION BY INTEGRA RESOURCES ON THE DELAMAR PROJECT

Integra Resources Director of Corporate Affairs Mark Stockton and Chief Operating Officer Tim Arnold gave a presentation on the DeLamar Project; also present was Ysabel Bilbao. Integra Resources is a relatively small company and relatively new. Integra Resources is currently a one asset company and its sole focus is the DeLamar Project and the goal is to build a mine. The DeLamar project is located in Owyhee County, Idaho. The DeLamar mine was shut down in 1998 due to low precious metal prices - not due to resource availability. The DeLamar deposit is substantial; it is 1 of only 6 this size in North America. The DeLamar project is approximately 30 minutes from Jordan Valley (in Owyhee County, Idaho). The DeLamar Deposit and Florida Mountain Deposit were originally purchased from Kinross; since that purchase the land package has been expanded past both War Eagle Mountain and Black Sheep.

Gold was discovered in Jordan Creek in 1863 and was underground mined; the mine was dormant with the breakout of World War I. In the late 1960's the mine was rediscovered and open-pit mining commenced in the 1970's. In 1998 low gold prices shut down the mine.

The typical mining process includes: 1. Prospecting and Exploration; 2. PEA (Preliminary Economic Assessment)/Feasibility Assessment and Permitting/Approval; 3. Development / Construction; 4. Production; and 5. Project Closure/Rehabilitation. The DeLamar Project is currently in phase 1 and 2; environmental baseline studies to advance the permitting process are taking place as well as detailed engineering work including mining and metallurgical studies; exploration is taking place at the Florida Mountain Deposit, War Eagle Mountain, and Black Sheep. The construction phase will probably last 18-24 months and it is hoped that production might begin in 4-5 years.

It is anticipated that the life of the mine will be approximately 10 years and provide approximately 300 local jobs. See instrument #[2020-2026](#) for the entire PowerPoint presentation.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.