

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
June 28, 2017

County Court met with Commissioner Larry Wilson presiding and Commissioner Don Hodge present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

ANI-CARE ANIMAL SHELTER

Amanda Grosdidier and Kim Hansen from Ani-Care Animal Shelter Inc. met with the Court to discuss its contract with the County. The current contract expires June 30, 2017; Ms. Grosdidier would like to continue to contract with the County and has proposed some changes to the contract. Ms. Grosdidier explained some of the proposed changes: an increase of 20% to the monthly rate for the 2017 fiscal year, followed by an additional 20% increase in 2018 for 4 years; or a 40% increase for 4 years. Ms. Grosdidier explained the shelter is struggling financially and explained the shelter's need to have support from both the County and cities and a long-term contract. The shelter is a no-kill shelter, dogs are adopted, transferred, and donated. The facility currently has 36 pens and can house up to 72 dogs. The majority of the dogs are strays; owner surrenders are also accepted and a fee is charged. Ani-Care also contracts with Ontario and Nyssa; they do not have any contracts with Idaho entities; however, the shelter does do vicious dog holds for Payette County. All dogs are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, and given a parvo booster.

Commissioner Wilson noted he is probably the closest neighbor to the facility; Ms. Grosdidier asked if noise was an issue and he explained the dogs can be heard. Ms. Hansen suggested possibly barrier bushes or trees could be planted. The dogs are kept inside the facility, except while exercised, but the facility is old and not sealed well or insulated. Upgrades to the facility are being done as funding allows.

Ms. Grosdidier explained she no longer works at the shelter; she is still the president of the corporation, and provides transportation services to the veterinarian and takes care of the social media, email, and website but there is no money available for salary. Ms. Grosdidier explained that the contracts with the cities and county help to keep the facility operating - utility costs, insurance, lease, etc. and these costs exist no matter the number of dogs in the shelter.

Commissioner Hodge said he would like to tour the shelter. Open hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11:00am - 5:00pm

Ms. DuBois explained that the budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 would allow for an increase to \$2404 for the fiscal year (currently contract is \$2236 a month).

Ms. Grosdidier will also be proposing the same increase to the contract amount from both the City of Ontario and the City of Nyssa (Ontario currently is \$1470; Nyssa currently is \$747). Vale does not contract with the shelter. Dogs brought in by Idaho residents are \$150 per dog.

Malheur county residents who owner surrender a dog are charged \$65 if the dog is spayed/neutered and valid proof of shots is provided.

Dog food for the shelter is provided through donations. There is a lot of community involvement with the shelter and the shelter is active in social media. An Eagle Scout project was recently completed; several senior projects are a part of the shelter, the juvenile work crew works at the shelter, the Cross Country team exercises the dogs, and Lifeways clients visit the dogs as therapy. A dog trainer also comes to the facility and will be offering community training classes.

The Court agreed to a one month extension of the contract and efforts to negotiate a new contract agreeable by both parties will continue.

Ms. Grosdidier and Ms. Hansen left the meeting.

The Court continued to discuss the contract. Consensus was to offer \$2404 for the 2017/2018 fiscal year; and \$2500 for the following two years.

Mr. Braese left the meeting.

MAP AGREEMENT; CROSSING PERMIT; GRANT MATCH

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Mr. Moulton presented the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) agreement with the Marine Board. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Malheur County Allocation Certification Agreement Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) 2017-18. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. Funding is in the amount of \$8,812 to be used to maintain facilities at Beulah Reservoir, Bully Creek Reservoir, and Malheur Reservoir. A copy will be returned for recording.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #31-17 to JA Miller to bore Lucky Lane #1563 to replace a cable for Cable One. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton explained that a match is needed for the grant he has applied for to resurface the parking area at Bully Creek Reservoir. It is an approximate \$112,000 project and the match needed is \$7700. Commissioner Hodge moved to commit to the match amount of \$7700 with the funds to be taken from the Economic Development budget. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Wilson asked about the status of the closed boat ramp at Lake Owyhee. Mr. Moulton explained he had visited with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and was told that Owyhee Irrigation was going to partner with BOR for that area; it is considered an access area to the irrigation company's facility rather than a boat ramp so ADA requirements are not a factor. Mr. Moulton also expressed safety concerns with the ramp and his desire to not be responsible for it.

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Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of June 21, 2017 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TATTLETALE LANE

Ms. Williams explained she is working with Mr. Moulton regarding Tattletale Lane; Mr. Moulton believes there is documentation on Tattletale Lane and will locate the information and provide it to her. There are notes that the County does maintain the road to the bridge only; the equipment would turn around at the bridge but a few years ago the landowners added an arch and railing to the bridge and the equipment cannot turn around at the bridge now and must go down to the Nevada Ditch to turn around.

CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Accounts Payable register for May 2017. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT FOR JAIL MEDICAL SERVICES

Commissioner Wilson explained that Malheur Memorial Hospital District is having difficulties hiring nurses for the jail at the rate allowed in the contract with the County. Additionally, the District is losing approximately \$500 to \$600 monthly under the terms of the contract. The contract expires June 2018 and the terms may need to be renegotiated. It may be advisable to do a Request For Proposals (RFP) when the current contract expires.

COMMITTED FUND BALANCES

Commissioner Wilson moved that the Malheur County Court hereby report the 2016/2017 ending fund balances of the following Special Revenue Funds as "Committed Fund Balances." These committed fund balance amounts can only be used for the specific purposes for which they were imposed unless the Malheur County Court removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (legislation, resolution, or ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

The Special Revenue Funds are: Major Bridge, Surveyor Corner Preservation, Community Corrections, Law Library, Boat License, Corrections Assessment, DA Enforcement, Taylor Grazing, Task Force, Ambulance Service District, Juvenile Crime Prevention, Wolf Depredation Fund, Economic Development, Agricultural Educational Extension Service District, 911 Fund, Traffic Safety, Court Facilities Security, State Drug Court, State Mediation, CVSO (County Veterans Service Officer) Expansion, Search & Rescue, GIS (Geographical Information System) Maintenance, Clerk's Record Fund, Special Transportation Fund, Work Release Construction, Federal Forfeitures Fund, 45 Parallel Fund, and Elevator Fund.

Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. This motion is effective as of June 28, 2017.

CONTRACT WITH GLENN BROTHERS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Agreement between Malheur County and Glenn Brothers Construction Inc. for demolition and repair of select buildings at the fairgrounds nunc

pro tunc to June 23, 2017. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2017-2572](#)

CONTRACTS TO SALE - SEPULVEDA

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Contract to Sell/Installment Agreement Pursuant to ORS 275.190 with Juan Manuel Nuno Sepulveda for Ref. #8466 purchased at the recent County land sale; and Contract to Sell/Installment Agreement Pursuant to ORS 275.190 with Juan Manuel Nuno Sepulveda for Ref. #3045 purchased at the recent County land sale. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #[2017-2574](#) and [2017-2573](#)

UPDATE - DAMAGE ASSESMENT GRANT WITH BUSINESS OREGON

Ms. Williams updated the Court on the status of the damage assessment project. The project is completed and engineers assessed all the eligible buildings (approximately 88 buildings.) \$250,000 was allocated for the project and \$101,000 is remaining. Business Oregon is asking the County if there are any other projects that could benefit from the remaining funds. Staff has suggested funds to repack the onion disposal trench at the landfill and cleanup of the Slipper property. Commissioner Wilson suggested funds for Snake River Produce for rebuilding in Nyssa. Ms. Williams will forward the suggestions to Business Oregon for determination if any of the projects would be eligible for funding.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.