

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

July 8, 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 present and Commissioner Larry Wilson present telephonically. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Various members of the public, media 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 # [2020-2368](#)

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Judge Joyce noted that the 9:00 appointment on the agenda was cancelled and would possibly be rescheduled to the next week's meeting.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Commissioner Hodge moved to sign the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department County Parks Assistance Program Certification Statement for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The estimated RV fee revenue distribution for Malheur County is \$56,749.00 which will be budgeted in the Marine and Parks budget. See instrument # [2020-2369](#)

AMENDMENT - IGA #5852

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Amendment No.1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #5852 with Department of Corrections. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is reduced by \$3458. (The original IGA is recorded as instrument #[2019-4008](#)) A copy of the amendment will be returned for recording.

WILDLIFE SERVICES WORK PLAN

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) Wildlife Services Work and Financial Plan, Cooperative Agreement No. 20-7341-5124-RA. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The document defines the objectives, plan of action, resources and budget of the cooperative wildlife services program in Malheur County to be conducted July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; the County's financial contribution to the program is \$68,488.50. A copy will be returned for recording. Instrument #[2020-2384](#)

EOCA (Eastern Oregon Counties Alliance) DUES

Commissioner Hodge moved to authorized payment of Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) FY 2020/2021 basic membership dues in the amount of \$12,500. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #28-20 to Oregon Telephone Corporation for service installation work on Copeland Road #615; and Crossing Permit #29-20 to Terry Wegner for work on Bishop Road #657. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - VALE

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Vale, nunc pro tunc to July 1, 2020. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Two resident deputies will be assigned to enforcement for the Vale Patrol Area; the term of the agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. See instrument #[2020-2370](#)

MALHEUR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint the members to the Malheur County Community Mental Health, Local Alcohol and Drug and Development Disabilities Advisory Committee as proposed; the first meeting of the Committee was held June 24, 2020 with the County Court. Committee members are: Wendy Hill (Department of Human Services); Sarah Poe (County Health Department Director); Susan Gregory (County Juvenile Department Director); Jennifer Susuki (Malheur Education Service District); Melissa Williams (Ontario School District); Connie Tanaka (County Veterans Service Officer); Jim St. Michell (County Community Corrections); Brian Wolfe (County Sheriff); Bob Dickinson (Ambulance Service District Director); Anna LaRosa (Saint Alphonsus Medical Center); Steven Romero (Ontario City Police Chief); and Raymond Rau (Nyssa City Police Chief). Vacant positions are client/consumer of development disability services or family member; client/consumer of the recovery center or family member; and a community member. Ex-officio members are: Micaela Cathey (Lifeways); Megan Gomeza (Valley Family Health Care); and Dan Joyce (County Judge).

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of June 24, 2020 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION - TCATT

District Attorney Dave Goldthorpe and Juvenile Counsel Sara Runnels met with the Court. It was explained that the Tri-County Anti-Trafficking Taskforce (TCATT) is applying for a Victims of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a full-time coordinator for the taskforce from October 2020 to September 2022. It was requested that the grant be managed through the District Attorney's Office; the coordinator would report to the TCATT Board. A 10% Admin Fee would be collected by the County for management of the grant. TCATT has been in operation since approximately 2016. Securing funding for a coordinator would allow TCATT to move forward by continuing to build community partnerships, providing public outreach and awareness, and working to hold traffickers accountable. The grant application is due July 15, 2020. It was also requested that the coordinator's office space be at Justice Court if possible. Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the grant be managed by the County through the District Attorney's Office and the coordinator utilize office space at the Justice Court facility if such space is available. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Independent Contractor Agreement between the Health Department and Daniel Morris Research LLC was recorded as instrument # [2020-2376](#)