

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

July 20, 2022

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. Members of the media, public, and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois was present. Les Zaitz with the Malheur Enterprise and public member Mike Walker were present. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, 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 # 2022-3321

ROAD ACCEPTANCE - MCKROLA

Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards presented a road dedication on a partition plat for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept road dedication of a portion of Birch Road on Derrick and Michelle McKrola's Partition Plat #22-14. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-3319

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of July 13, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Ms. DuBois explained that after scoring of the candidates interviews there are three candidates within one point of each other and suggested the Court conduct second interviews. The Court requested that second interviews be scheduled for next week, July 27th.

BURN BAN

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Order No. GO-07-22: Order Prohibiting Outdoor Open Burning in Unincorporated Areas of Malheur County Located Outside a Fire District. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The ban begins July 22, 2022. See instrument # 2022-3322

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - NEW

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Temporary Employment Agreement Dispatcher - Malheur County Sheriff's Office with Charlotte New. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement terminates December 31, 2022. See instrument # 2022-3323

INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR - EVANS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Agreement between Malheur County Court and Malheur County Planning Director Eric Evans for Additional and Temporary Duties of Interim Environmental Health Director. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires August 15, 2022. See instrument # 2022-3324

MCDC REQUEST

Commissioner Jacobs explained that MCDC (Malheur County Development Corporation) is requesting the retainment of the services of Gregory Smith & Company for the Treasure Valley Reload Center and that the County provide \$15,000 per month as compensation. County Counsel Stephanie Williams shared a draft of an agreement for funding she is working on and asked for direction from the Court. The agreement is between the County and MCDC; the County would provide funding to MCDC for a project manager. The agreement does not specify who the project manager is; funding proposed is \$6,000 to \$9,000 a month. Ms. Williams reviewed several other proposed terms in the agreement. Commissioner Jacobs said that after extended discussion with MCDC board member Corey Maag and chair Grant Kitamura, the project does not have sufficient funding to pay for a project manager; funding the County is using for the project manager is through lottery funds for economic development. Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize County Counsel to forward the draft agreement to MCDC's attorney for consideration. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Walker: Good job County Court.

Les Zaitz encouraged the Court to request that the MCDC Board hold their meetings in-person rather than telephonically to enable greater public attendance.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.

** First Amendment to Temporary Employment Agreement Resource Nurse Practitioner - Malheur County Health Department (PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) Retiree), recorded with the Malheur County Clerk on April 6, 2022 as instrument # 2022-1746 with Jolene Cawfield. Expires October 31, 2022 and recorded as instrument # 2022-3348