

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

July 17, 2024

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 with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. 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 # 2024-2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 192.660(2)(a) - Employment of Public Officers, Employees and Agents with Judge Joyce presiding with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Also present were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, County Surveyor Derrick McKrola (present electronically), and Polly DeVore. No decisions were made during the session.

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CONTRACT ADDENDUM - ENGINEERING NORTHWEST

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve First Addendum to Agreement/Contract for Professional Services between Malheur County and Engineering Northwest LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) for Bully Creek Campground ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Upgrades. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Design services of a second day use area is added to the Agreement.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Sheriff Travis Johnson and Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court. Lt. Harriman presented a resolution declaring a state of emergency within the County due to wildland fires. Tens of thousands of acres of lost grassland, crippling agricultural loss and personal property have been destroyed during the wildland fires in July of 2024. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R24-18: In the Matter of Declaring a State of Emergency within Malheur County. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2024-2019

Sheriff Johnson explained that the Sheriff's Office is working in conjunction with BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and OSP (Oregon State Police) on an investigation into the cause of the fire(s). A press release with a tip line will be issued soon.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Consensus of the interview committee was to authorize Ms. DuBois to make a conditional offer of employment for the Planning Department Director and the Health Department Director to the committee's number one candidate for each position.

ANNUAL JAIL INSPECTION

The Court members conducted the annual jail inspection. See instrument # 2024-2021

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.

Letter appointing Rebecca Stricker as the Malheur County Local Public Health Administrator recorded as instrument #2024-2039