

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**July 24, 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. Staff present in the meeting room was Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Rembowski. 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 # 2024-2081

### **DRAFT WILDFIRE HAZARD MAPS**

Building Official Adele Schaffeld met with the Court regarding the draft wildfire hazard maps. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is accepting public comment on the draft maps until August 18, 2024. Public hearings on the draft rules are scheduled for July 31 and August 1, 2024; the rulemaking will provide for how irrigated lands will be addressed. Landowners who have property designated as high-hazard in the WUI (wildland-urban interface) will receive written notification. The wildfire hazard map's purposes are to educate the public about the level of hazard where they live, assist in prioritizing fire adaption and mitigation resources for the most vulnerable locations, and identify where defensible space standards and home hardening codes will apply. Ms. Schaffeld expressed concern that the public may not have adequate time to provide comment on the rulemaking and draft maps as Oregon currently has many active wildland fires demanding the attention of the public.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of July 10, 2024 and July 17, 2024 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

\*\*Delegation of Authority with the Oregon State Fire Marshal for the Durkee Fire was signed by Commissioner Jacobs; instrument # 2024-2155 AND Relinquishment of the Delegation of Authority was signed by Commissioner Jacobs; instrument # 2024-2156