

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
August 30, 2017

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams.

EASTERN OREGON COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES HUB

Community Based Services Director Kelly Poe met with the Court and provided an update on the Hub. Ms. Poe requested that the board members for Malheur County be updated. Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Mark Redmond, Wendy Hill, Angelica Fuentes, Megan Gomez, and Abby Lee to the Eastern Oregon Community Based Services board. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There is currently one vacancy on the board; board member terms are two years.

Goals of the Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub according to the Early Learning Division are: Kindergarten Readiness, Stable and Attached Families, and an Aligned System.

- Kindergarten Readiness: Preschool promise is implemented in all three counties; two centers are operated by Malheur ESD (Education Service District); and some home child care providers are providing the preschool program. The Training Wheels program is offered through the local libraries and book mobiles. Professional Development is offered in collaboration with ESD and also through a contract with Danielle Phillips providing Focused Child Network.
- Stable and Attached Families: The Hub supports various home visiting programs and implemented Parent Cafés which have proved popular.
- Aligned System: The Hub works together with ESD for professional development; works with various medical providers to offer the Reach Out and Read (ROAR) program; and has a Cradle to Career partnership with each county.

Equity continues to be a focus. The requirement to hold Structural Racism Training was done. Forums and workshops were held in 2016 and a Plan was created for each county. Grants were written. Each county identified their common core values. An 18 member Malheur Equity Team was created and an equity compact was developed. The goal is to have 20 organizations sign the compact. Quinn Susuki is doing a structural racism display as part of his Senior Project that will be exhibited in various locations.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes and Environmental Health Specialist Eric Evans met with the Court and provided an update on programs. The scanning of septic files has been completed; all files containing septic information within the office have been scanned and are available in the office electronically. Mr. Geddes showed the Court how the information will be able to be accessed from the County website by the public. Having the septic information available via the website will be beneficial for those in real estate, septic pumpers, and staff in the field. Properties that have restricted access through the Assessor's Office are also restricted through the septic information site. It was discussed that there may be concerns from landowners about this information being available on the website. The information is public;

staff will consider requests for redactions on a case by case basis. By consensus, the Court authorized Mr. Geddes to proceed with putting the information on the public website.

Mr. Geddes also reviewed the new restaurant inspection site on the website. The information includes inspections of restaurants, hotels, and swimming pools.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of August 16, 2017 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was not present on August 16, 2017.)

LICENSE AGREEMENT - MAC TOWER LLC

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve License Agreement with Mac Tower, LLC. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The license agreement allows the County to place a radio repeater system in an existing building and on property owned by Mac Tower. Consideration for this license is \$2240 annually from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027. (This agreement was previously with MacKenzie Ranches and is for the Mahogany Butte Repeater Site.) See instrument # [2017-3430](#)

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #34-17 to Cascade Natural Gas to install a gas main along Columbia Avenue #860; and Crossing Permit #35-17 to Oregon Telephone Corporation to install fiber optic cable to serve the Juntura area on Bendire #538, Beulah #510, 1st Street and Frances #3085, and 3rd Street #3090. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

BUSINESS OREGON - AMENDMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Amendment Number 1 to the Strategic Reserve Fund Agreement, "Malheur County Structural Assessments", Project Number 15-7-661, with Oregon Business Development Department, nunc pro tunc to August 23, 2017. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment extends the agreement to December 31, 2017 and allows for up to \$80,000 to be used to remove building debris from pre-approved damaged building sites and to prepare the sites for resale; proceeds from the sale of sites using these funds will be refunded to the State. (The County intends to use the funds to cleanup the site of the old "Slipper" property in Vale.) See instrument #[2017-3431](#) Original agreement recorded as [2017-1853](#)

HB 2012

County Counsel Williams discussed a draft letter she had prepared for the Court to send to the affected cities in the County in reference to House Bill (HB) 2012 - the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region. Changes were made and the Court signed the final draft of the letter; it will be sent to the cities of Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, and Adrian requesting their input for eligible appointees to the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region Board. Names of eligible appointees are to be submitted by the Court to the Governor and the Governor will appoint seven members to the Board.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.

Clerk's Note:

Tax Foreclosure Deed – between Jennifer J. Forsyth, Treasurer and Tax Collector for Malheur County, State of Oregon, “Grantor”, and Malheur County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, “Grantee”. The Property was the subject of forfeiture and expedited redemption per Malheur County Court Order No. GO-06-17. See Instrument #2017-3384