

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

August 21, 2019

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, posted on the Courthouse public bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and those persons who have requested notice.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court. Mr. Evans explained that comments to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) on the Draft Proposed Order for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project are due August 22, 2019. Mr. Evans inquired if the Court was agreeable to him submitting comments on their behalf as the Special Advisory Group; the comments will be directly related to planning and zoning components such as setbacks, high value farmlands, and rangeland fire protection associations. Consensus of the Court was to authorize Mr. Evans to submit the comments.

Mr. Evans also explained that Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistance (TA) grant applications are due October 1, 2019. Mr. Evans inquired of the Court what they would like him to apply for and suggested possibly non resource lands designation (may need to be a minimum of 20 acres) and updating the resource lands ordinance. It was noted that a separate grant will be available to address Senate Bill 2 (2019).

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of August 14, 2019 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ABATEMENT ORDER

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Order GO-09-19: Abatement Order Authorizing County Road Department to Remove Fence in Right-of-Way of SE 14th Avenue, Ontario. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A hearing was held on the matter August 7, 2019. The Abatement Order directs the Road Department to remove fencing from the right-of-way of SE 14th Avenue as the fence is in the road right-of-way preventing the City of Ontario and County from paving/improving SE 2nd Street commencing early Fall 2019. The landowner is Marlene Tinoco. See instrument #[2019-3106](#)

OLCC TEMPORARY LICENSE

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) Temporary Sales License - Nonprofit Application to Vale Farmers & Crafters. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Event Name: Vale's Fall Beer Fest; Location: Hot Springs Trading Post; Date of Event: October 5, 2019.

SEORMP AMENDMENT

County Counsel Stephanie Williams inquired of the Court if they intended to submit comments regarding the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan (SEORMP) Amendment individually or as the County Court. All members of the Court indicated they have had discussions and input from others regarding the plan amendment. Consensus was to submit comments as the County Court. Ms. Williams will draft comments for the Court's approval at next week's meeting.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.