

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2016**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois.

**PROCLAMATION - ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

Present for the signing of the proclamation declaring September 2016 as Alcohol, Drug, and Problem Gambling Addiction Recovery Month were: Undersheriff Travis Johnson; Juvenile PO (Parole Officer) Jennifer Schaffer; Jane Padgett from DHS (Department of Human Services); and from Lifeways were Judy Cordeniz, Lindsay Atagi, Judy Trask and Paula Olvera.

Ms. Atagi gave some information on addictions and mental health. Hands Around the Park will be September 8, 2016. In Oregon, 12.7% of youth admit to using illicit drugs. Mental health illness often co-occurs with addiction; in Oregon approximately 46.9% of adults have some sort of mental illness.

Undersheriff Johnson read the proclamation as follows:

**MALHEUR COUNTY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in Oregon, during 2013-2014, about 99,000 individuals aged 12 or older were dependent on or abused illicit drugs within the year prior to being surveyed; and

**WHEREAS**, in Oregon, during 2013-2014, approximately 233,000 individuals aged 12 or older were dependent on or abused alcohol within the year prior to being surveyed; and about 177,000 adults aged 21 or older, from 2010-2014, reported heavy alcohol use within one month of being surveyed; and

**WHEREAS**, in Oregon, an estimated 66,655 adults are believed to manifest a gambling disorder, and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and overcoming mental, substance use, and/or addiction disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental, substance use, and/or disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS**, through the integration of behavioral and physical treatment into one coordinated system of care, Oregonians help reduce the stigma of addiction and approach it as any other chronic disease like diabetes or asthma; and

**WHEREAS**, with accessible, effective health care and recovery support services, thousands of Oregonians can achieve and maintain recovery. They become productive, contributing members of society who give back to the Oregon communities where we all live, work, and raise our families; and

**WHEREAS**, helping people break away from the strife of addiction(s) restores hope and rebuilds strong families as they move together on the pathway to healthy wellness.

**THEREFORE**, we as Malheur County Court, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as

**Alcohol, Drug, and Problem Gambling Addiction Recovery Month**

In Malheur County, Oregon and we encourage the people of Malheur County to join in this observance, with activities supporting this year's theme, *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!"*

The Court signed the proclamation.

### **OWYHEE WATERSHED COUNCIL - ANNUAL UPDATE**

Owyhee Watershed Council Coordinator Nicole Sullivan met with the Court and provided an annual update of activities. The OWEB (Owyhee Watershed Enhancement Board) Council Capacity Grant assists with funding of operations of the Watershed Council. OWEB has made some changes to the Umbrella Funding portion of the grant program and it is expected that 2017-2019 funding will be approximately \$6,000 less.

Carl Hill and Dennis Daugherty donated the 2 Rivers Community Center and Park property to the Owyhee Watershed Council. The Watershed Council plans to manage the property the same way in the future and allow community members to use the facilities; the Council is currently in the process of adopting and identifying policies for the facilities. Monthly Council meetings are now alternately held between Marsing and Adrian; and the October meeting will be in Jordan Valley.

The Small Grants team is halfway through the 15-17 biennium; \$100,000 was awarded for the biennium. So far 26 applications have been processed and reviewed and 7 grants have been awarded. (The Small Grants program is \$10,000 per grant project.) Projects funded include irrigation, flood to sprinkler conversions, and pipelines.

The Council has a number of large OWEB Restoration Projects in implementation and a few in development. The Twilight Water Quality Improvement Zone is a priority area; it is a cooperative project with landowners, NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service), Owyhee Irrigation District and Malheur SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District). There are 850 acres within this priority area; 2.67 miles of the lateral will be pressurized and piped possibly this fall. There are also several on-farm sprinkler conversion projects in this area.

The Parsnip Peak Invasive Annuals Project is a cooperative project with landowners, NRCS, Jordan Valley CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area), USFW (United States Fish and Wildlife), Oregon State Lands, and ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife). The project involves 10,000 acres south of Jordan Valley in the Parsnip Peak Area and involves GIS (Geographical Information System) surveying and treatment of Medusahead.

The Jordan Creek Streambank Project design is completed and permits are being acquired. It will involve stabilization of 1,000 feet of streambank and construction is planned for this winter. The Council is excited to work with Trout Unlimited on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Restoration projects are with landowners in the Malheur, Owyhee and northern Nevada areas and focus on project and habitat enhancements for Sage Grouse, Columbia Spotted Frog, and Redband trout.

On-farm irrigation projects within the priority areas of Newell, Fletcher, and Black Jack Butte continue.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area (JVCWMA) currently has one large OWEB grant and is preparing to write a new one in October. The CWMA also has three ODA (Oregon Department of Agriculture) Weed Board grants; grant projects include targeting

Medusahead in the 2015 fire areas of Soda, Jaca, and Leslie Gulch; and aerial treatment of Whitetop. The CWMA is also receiving an ODFW grant to treat Medusahead on state lands south of Jordan Valley. The CWMA continues treatment of targeted weeds such as Perennial Pepperweed, Russian Knapweed, Diffuse Knapweed, Jointed Goatgrass, Leafy Spruce, Spotted Knapweed, Yellow Starthistle, and Rush Skeleton Weed. The annual winter weed seminar will be held in January and the CWMA continues to provide outreach and technical support to area landowners.

The Owyhee 5th Grade Field Day was very successful. It was held April 27 & 28, 2016 with 750 students attending and approximately 120 FFA (Future Farmers of America) students assisting. The 2016 Hydrology Camp was held at Reynolds Creek Ag Research Center in March with fourteen 11th grade students from Nyssa and Adrian attending. Topics at the camp were snowpack surveying, streamflow, stream ecology, soil analysis, and vegetation sampling.

The Watershed Council continues to partner with the Idaho USFWS for private lands projects in the Owyhee's; the main focus is on Sage Grouse projects - juniper removal and wet meadow enhancement.

The Watershed Council is wrapping up the Idaho DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) small grants program set to expire in 2017; and was awarded funding for 7 new projects under the Idaho DEQ small grants program. Ms. Sullivan is still waiting to hear on the status of funding for their Owyhee Restoration Incentives Program 2015 application; and recently submitted an application for pipeline funding for the Reynolds Irrigation District piping project.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of August 10, 2016 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. R16-26: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statute) 294.471. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate the spending of additional funds received, but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. The affected budgets are the Boat License Fund, Task Force Fund, and CVSO (County Veterans Service Officer) Expansion Fund. See instrument #[2016-2874](#)

### **MALHEUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)**

Commissioner Hodge moved to designate the Malheur Community Advisory Council Vice-Chair as an additional proxy in the absence of the County Court member and Public Health Director at Regional Community Advisory Council meetings. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This designation will be relayed to the local CAC Chair.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Mr. Moulton presented two Crossing Permits for their approval. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #22-16 to Idaho Power to replace a cross arm on Hyline Lane #1077; and Permit #23-16 to Idaho Power to remove two transformers and one service on Holly Road #1022. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton also presented an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) renewing the Single Trip Permit Authorization agreement. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement, Single Trip Permit Authorization, Malheur County, Agreement No. 31506. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Through the agreement the County grants the State authority to issue oversize/overweight Single Trip Permits over roads which are under the jurisdiction of the County. The agreement terminates ten years from the date of execution by all parties. A copy will be returned for recording. See Instrument #[2017-0537](#)

### **OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT (OJD) CONTRACTS - ELEVATOR AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

County Counsel Stephanie Williams visited with the Court and explained that the County had been approved for OJD funds for a fire alarm system in the Courthouse and for the elevator replacement project. Both projects must be completed by June 30, 2017. The elevator/lift project is expected to be a six month construction project with construction beginning in November. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Courthouse Improvement Intergovernmental Agreement, OJD Contract No. 170010 (OJD funding is \$335,000); and Courthouse Improvement Intergovernmental Agreement, OJD Contract No. 170009 (OJD funding is \$850,000). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Copies of the agreements will be returned for recording. See instrument #[2016-3039](#) and #[2016-3037](#) respectively.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Court was adjourned.