

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

August 26, 2020

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 of the Malheur County Courthouse with Commissioner Larry Wilson present and Commissioner Don Hodge present telephonically. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. Various members of the public, media and staff were present electronically. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website 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 #2020-3057

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of August 12, 2020 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IGA - RESIDENTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement in Support of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Administered by the Oregon Business Development Department, Infrastructure Finance Authority to sponsor the Harney Malheur Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Hodge disclosed that he is on the board for Community in Action.) The City of Nyssa will be the lead agency and will be responsible for applying, receiving, and administering the CDBG award and will enter into a sub-recipient agreement with the Community in Action to manage the housing rehabilitation program. A copy of the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) will be returned for recording. See instrument # 2020-3294

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Temporary Employment Agreement for Medical Consultation Related to COVID-19 with Dr. Sarah Laiosa. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires December 31, 2020. See instrument #2020-3062

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Malheur County Health Department Temporary Employment Agreement - COVID 19 Funding with Tana Waller. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Waller recently retired and will assist with COVID-19 related services 20 hours per week through December 31, 2020. See instrument # 2020-3060

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. R20-34: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471.

Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate additional Cash on Hand funds that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared; the funds are to be used for COVID-19 projects at the Courthouse and in the Jail (drop box in back of Courthouse, ionization air system in jail, courthouse and juvenile). See instrument # 2020-3061

AGREEMENT – NEY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Third Agreement for Temporary Environmental Health Specialist Services - Restaurant Inspections with Melissa Ney. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ney will perform inspections in Malheur County and Baker County; additionally, Ms. Ney will educate restaurant operators on COVID-19 precautions and restrictions and ensure that COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the State and applicable County are being met. The agreement terminates December 31, 2020. See instrument #2020-3059

RESOLUTION - EXTENDING RESTRICTIONS TO THE SIZE OF LOCAL SOCIAL GATHERINGS (COVID-19)

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R20-36 - In the Matter of: Resolution to Extend Resolution R20-27 and R20-32 Through December 31, 2020 - Restricting the Size of Local Social Gatherings. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The social gathering measures restricting the size of local social gatherings set forth in Resolution R20-27 are extended through December 31, 2020. See instrument #2020-3058

COMMENTS - COMMISSIONER WILSON

Commissioner Wilson explained he was attempting to contact Idaho county commissioners to discuss possible COVID-19 strategies and requested that Judge Joyce and Commissioner Hodge contact any of the Idaho county commissioners that they may know.

IGA - CITY OF ONTARIO

Ontario City Manager Adam Brown explained that Community Development Block Grant funds are available through Business Oregon to provide grant assistance programs for small businesses and microenterprises impacted by COVID-19. The City will be the lead applicant and partner with Euvalcree to administer the grants. The grants will be accessible to businesses within Malheur County. The term of the IGA is 36 months and may be terminated by any party with 30 days' notice. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the verbal agreement from Mr. Brown that the City will provide the County regular updates and accountings on the grant programs. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2020-3067

Mr. Brown complimented the County's emergency management team.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.

