

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**August 31, 2022**

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 Don Hodge and Commissioner Ron Jacobs present. Members of the media, public, and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Planner Eric Evans were present. 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 # 2022-3857

**PROCLAMATION - RECOVERY MONTH**

Mark Keele, Jennifer Schaffer, Jane Padgett, Judi Trask, and Paula Olvera, all members of the Malheur County Prevention Coalition, were present for the signing of the Proclamation declaring September 2022 as Mental Health, Substance Use, and Harmful Gambling Behaviors Recovery Month. Mark Keele read the proclamation:

Malheur County Recovery Month Proclamation

Mental health, substance use and harmful gambling behaviors affect all communities nationwide. With commitment and support, our family members, friends, colleagues, and community members with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery. By seeking help, people who experience mental health, substance use and/or harmful gambling behaviors can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness. The focus of our local theme for *Recovery Month* for September 2022 is “*Recovery is for Every Person, Recovery is for Every Family, Recovery is for Every Community, Recovery is for Everyone!*” To celebrate their journey, we recognize the challenges of recovery and we support them! We realize the need to share resources and build networks that support recovery in all forms, as we are all part of the solution. *Recovery Month and Hands Around the Park* spreads the message that behavioral health is essential to one’s overall health and wellness, and that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people do recover.

The impact of mental health and substance use disorders is apparent in our country, with 22 million people in the US suffering from an active addiction disorder, and 1 out of every 3 households being directly impacted by addiction. Oregon ranks first among all states for adults with substance use disorders and third in the nation for youth with substance use disorders. Additionally, an estimated 84,000 adult Oregonians have moderate or severe gambling disorders. These conditions in one way or another affect us all. Through *Recovery Month*, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health, substance use, and harmful gambling behaviors, which can help guide more people into needed treatment. Managing the effects of these conditions can help people achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally.

The Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve lives to promote and support treatment and recovery practices, educating communities about prevention and acknowledging the dedication of service providers and community members who assist in making recovery possible.

For the above reasons, we are asking the citizens of Malheur County to join us in celebrating this September as *Recovery Month*.

We, as Malheur County Court, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as

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RECOVERY MONTH**

in Malheur County, OR, we call upon our community to observe this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the month of September 2022 as Mental Health, Substance Use, and Harmful Gambling Behaviors Recovery Month. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Those present answered various questions from the Court members. Hands Around the Park will be held at Rotary Laxton Park in Ontario on September 15, 2022.

**COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of August 17, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(a) - Employment of Public Officers, Employees and Agents with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Jacobs present. Also present were Planner Eric Evans, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards, Jeff Beagley, and Derrick McKrola. No decisions were made during the session.

**LETTERS - REP. OWENS & SMITH**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign a letter to Representative Smith regarding projects for potential funding packages for Rural Economic Development - Industrial Lands Capitalization Fund; and a letter to Representative Smith regarding projects for Rural Economic Development - Regional Rural Revitalization / Venue and County Fair Support. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-3858 and 2022-3859

**COUNTY SURVEYOR POSITION**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize Ms. DuBois to make an offer for the County Surveyor position to the number one candidate. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.