

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**September 28, 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.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

### **BOPTA**

Clerk Deborah DeLong and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Peterson met with the Court. Ms. DeLong inquired if the Court members wanted to ask last year's Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) members to serve on the 2017 board; or did they want to appoint new members. Consensus of the Court was to ask last year's members to serve again. The Clerk's Office will contact the members.

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT- VALE AIRPORT**

Vale City Manager Lynn Findley met with the Court and explained that the City is applying for grant funds for upgrades at Miller Memorial Airpark. The project is paving of the ramp and taxiway. Commissioner Hodge moved to sign a letter of support for the grant application. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2016-3318](#)

Judge Joyce noted that AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) is working on a road preservation, reconstruction preservation, gravel preservation, and bridge issues for the next legislative session. Mr. Findley noted that the League of Oregon Cities has identified four priorities for the next session (one is recreational immunity).

### **COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the updated Malheur County Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan as presented by Ms. Debban at the last meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2016-3319](#)

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of September 21, 2016 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CITIZENS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - BALLOT MEASURE 23-56**

Citizens for Career and Technical Education members Bob Komoto, Dirk DeBoer and Irene Folkman met with the Court and provided information regarding Ballot Measure 23-56: Bonds for Career/Technical Facility Improvement, Security, Safety, and Upgrades. This is a local ballot measure in the November election and is a bond measure for Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC). Mr. Komoto explained the bond amount is \$4.8 million and an additional \$2.8 million would be matched by state funding. If the bond is approved by voters, funds will be used

to expand the Vocational Tech Center, now referred to as the Career Technical Education (CTE) Center. It would increase the welding stations from 17 to 40 (and possibly more). Additionally, some funds would be used for security and safety upgrades at the TVCC Ontario campus. Mr. Komoto explained that the CTE program dovetails with the efforts of Poverty to Prosperity (P2P) project. Additionally, with the expansion of the welding facilities it will free up space for use by the nursing program. Efforts of P2P has brought together leaders of the Ontario, Nyssa, and Vale School Districts and TVCC which have resulted in vocational programs offered to area high school youth at TVCC who traditionally would not have attended college. The programs provide for workforce training the helps local businesses secure trained employees. The bond will cost taxpayers approximately \$0.16 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Mr. DeBoer, a member of P2P's board of directors, voiced support for the bond and the importance of vocational training for youth and the workforce.

Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes and Environmental Health Specialist Eric Evans joined the meeting.

Mr. DeBoer explained that we need to be competitive by having a trained workforce and bring industry to our area. Mr. DeBoer also explained that the current programs have been very successful and there is a need to expand the programs to allow for participation by more students.

Mr. Braese left the meeting.

The Court and those present discussed the measure. It was noted that several local school districts either have bond measures in upcoming elections or recently passed bond measures in the May election. It was also noted that the TVCC Board of Trustees were unanimous in their decision to place the bond matter before the voters.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Court was adjourned.