

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

September 11, 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, Courthouse public bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise, and those persons who have requested notice.

2019-2021 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN

Community Corrections Lieutenant Jim St. Michell met with the Court and presented the 2019-2021 Community Corrections Biennial Plan. Lieutenant St. Michell reviewed the biennial budget and summarized the current programs and services provided by Community Corrections. Lieutenant St. Michell noted that there is a need for transitional housing and it is a local priority. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the 2019-2021 Community Corrections Biennial Plan. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2019-3437](#)

Lieutenant St. Michell also presented the agreement with the State for the county community corrections program. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement #5852 between the State of Oregon through Department of Corrections (DOC) and Malheur County. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 30, 2021. A copy will be returned for recording.

BOPTA

Clerk Gayle Trotter again met with the Court regarding names of persons to serve on the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) board. Two individuals have confirmed that they will serve; another individual is meeting with Ms. Trotter later in the day about the position. Commissioner Wilson will contact Ross Nishihara and inquire if he will serve again.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - JAIL MEDICAL SERVICES/VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CARE

Sheriff Brian Wolfe and Valley Family Health Care (VFHC) CEO Tim Heinze met with the Court. Also present was Undersheriff Travis Johnson, VFHC Director of Planning and Development Jesse Sandoval, and VFHC Mobile Access Care Manager Penny Weymouth. Sheriff Wolfe explained that Valley Family Health Care has a possible proposal to provide jail medical services (Sheriff Wolfe expressed appreciation to Malheur Memorial as they have continued to provide services while another provider has been sought).

Mr. Heinze provided background on Valley Family Health Care and services. VFHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and currently cares for approximately 20,000 patients in a service area of 75,000-80,000. VFHC is not a free clinic but does offer all services on a sliding scale based on household size and income. VFHC has locations in both Oregon and Idaho.

VFHC goals for the jail include: improve the medical health and oral health of inmates; improve access to behavioral health, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) providers and resources (a disproportionately high number of justice-involved individuals have Substance Use Disorder and need services); improve continuity of care both during incarceration and post-release; connect and engage inmates with health and social services resources upon release to the community to assist with better health and life-choice outcomes; help the County keep medical costs down; and reduce emergency room visits.

VFHC would attempt to add the jail as a 'service site' under their federal project grant - this would allow FTCA (Federal Tort Claims Act) malpractice coverage and access to the 340B Discount Drug Program. Telehealth can also be used; telehealth is a common and important service in correctional settings and by connecting via telehealth with the Ontario walk-in providers it would provide 73 hours a week of coverage. VFHC would also work to transition jail medical records to an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system.

Mr. Heinze explained that VFHC does not want to replace the work that Lifeways is doing but rather wants to add to and supplement those services currently provided by Lifeways.

Mr. Heinze also provided information on why VFHC is qualified to provide jail medical services. VFHC has had a lot of growth both with direct care givers and capacity building and infrastructure. VFHC focuses on care coordination, chronic conditions, screening and prevention; identifies care gaps and social determinants of health; and has Transition Care Management staff. Backup personnel and after-hours coverage is available. VFHC is a good community partner and has dedicated providers and staff who understand and support the mission of VFHC; additionally VFHC has grant resources that can potentially help to lower costs.

Mr. Heinze explained that if the County is interested in VFHC moving forward they will prepare a detailed response to the County's RFP, complete the application to HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) to add the jail as a 'service site' and develop detailed implementation plans. Mr. Heinze and Sheriff Wolfe answered questions from the Court members. Consensus of the Court was to encourage VFHC to move forward with their proposal; VFHC will draft letters of support to HRSA for the Court to sign. See instrument #2019-3502.

Ms. Williams left the meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - IGA WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court and presented an IGA for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA #19-035 (Energy Facility Siting Council - Special Advisory Group) with Department of Energy. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement establishes collaboration between the State and County to perform services related to the review of Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) project-related documents and to identify the procedures related to authorizing work, invoice and payment. The agreement expires June 30, 2021. A copy will be returned for recording. See instrument #2019-3634

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of August 28, 2019 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Wilson was not present on August 28, 2019.)

AMENDMENT TO IGA #159822

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve First Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2019-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement #159822 for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment modifies Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit J of the original agreement. A copy will be returned for recording. See instrument #2019-3573

VACATION ORDER

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Order No. GO-10-19: In the Matter of the Vacation of a Portion of 2nd Street and an Alley in Juntura. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing was held on August 28, 2019. (Commissioner Wilson was not present on August 28, 2019 but has reviewed the minutes of the hearing.) See instrument #[2019-3434](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution No. R19-22: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The supplemental budget resolution allocates Oregon Health Authority funds that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared; the funds are to be used for the Oregon Health Plan Outreach, Enrollment and Education Program and increases the General Fund appropriations for the Health Department by \$25,000; and allocates Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs funds that were not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared; the funds are to be used for Veteran/Adult mental health first aid training and for office supplies and increases the CVSO Expansion Fund appropriations by \$3,105. See instrument #[2019-3431](#)

ODOT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation Agreement No. 33778, State STIF STATE. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Agreement funds a vehicle replacement project to purchase 4 transit vehicles; the grant amount is \$307,900. A sub-agreement will be drafted with Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS). A copy of the ODOT agreement will be returned for recording. See instrument #2019-3572

RESOLUTION - EASTERN OREGON BORDER BOARD PROGRAMS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R19-23: A Resolution in Support of the Competitive Housing Incentive and Property Improvement Programs of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A presentation regarding the programs was given to the Court on August 28, 2019. See instrument #[2019-3432](#)

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #23-19 to Marcus Shira for a culvert in the barrow ditch for a driveway entrance on S Rd F #745. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

TREASURER UPDATE - UMPQUA BANK

Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth met with the Court regarding Umpqua Bank. Umpqua Bank branches in Vale and Nyssa are closing in November. Ms. Forsyth is working with County staff and bank staff regarding the closures and banking services alternatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) - Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees with Judge Joyce presiding with Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Wilson present. Planner Eric Evans was later asked to join the session. No decisions were made during or following the session.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.