

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

October 3, 2018

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 Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer.

DISASTER DECLARATION - DROUGHT

Emergency Services Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court. Lieutenant Harriman explained that a federal disaster declaration was declared due to drought conditions in August. However, a local declaration still needed to be done with a request to the Governor to declare a drought emergency for all of Malheur County. Lieutenant Harriman read the declaration. Commissioner Wilson moved to declare a state of emergency within Malheur County and request the Governor of Oregon declare a Drought Emergency for all of Malheur County due to severe and continuing drought conditions. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2018-3739](#) for the Declaration of State of Emergency.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court; Mr. Evans explained that Planning Commissioner Robin Froerer-Myers has been absent from several Planning Commission meetings and requested that a replacement be appointed. Mr. Evans also explained that Chad Gerulf was willing to serve on the Planning Commission. The Court had no objections to the request. Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Chad Gerulf to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of September 26, 2018 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RELEASE OF TRUST DEED

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Release of Trust Deed to Project Dove. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Trust Deed was executed in 2013 in association with requirements of a Community Development Block Grant for the Project Dove facility in Ontario and those terms have been satisfied. See instrument #[2018-3744](#)

BURN BAN LIFTED

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Order No. GO-13-18: Order Lifting Burn Ban in Unincorporated Areas of Malheur County Located Outside of a Fire District; Repeal Order GO-09-18; Effective October 1, 2018. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The local fire districts have lifted their bans as has BLM; Burn Permits are still required. See instrument #[2018-3745](#)

STIF BYLAWS

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee By-Laws. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2018-3742](#)

AGREEMENT - NEY

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Agreement for Temporary Environmental Health Specialist Services - Restaurant Inspections with Melissa Ney. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ney will perform inspection services in Baker. See instrument #[2018-3741](#)

BOPTA

Clerk Gayle Trotter met with the Court. Ms. Trotter requested names of persons who may be willing to serve on the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) board. A board must be appointed annually by the County Court no later than October 15th.

FAIRGROUNDS - UPDATE

Fairgrounds Manager Lynelle Christiani met with the Court and provided a monthly update. Ms. Christiani provided statistics for this year's Fair. Vendors in the Commercial Building were up (the booth fee was lowered); revenue from food booths was up; camping fees will be raised for next year. Admissions revenue was up; based on the revenue approximately 13,000 – 15,000 persons attend the Fair each day.

The rental fee for the Commercial Building and Girvin Hall is \$650 with a \$500 cleaning/damage deposit and an additional \$600 if security is required.

Ms. Christiani is tracking phone calls and walk-ins as well as the number of people using the facility each month.

The stove in Girvin Hall is being replaced and should be delivered today.

The Board has decided on a new logo and name as part of their rebranding project; the fairgrounds will be known as: Desert Sage Event Center - Home of the Malheur County Fair and feature the Red Barn in its logo.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.