

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
October 2, 2024

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 with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Staff present in the meeting room were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski. 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 # 2024-2738

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve the following Crossing Permits: Permit #69-24 to Kendall Fletcher for work on Riata Circle #1533; Permit #70-24 to Idaho Power for maintenance work on Reed Loop Road #512; Permit #71-24 to Idaho Power for maintenance work on Bishop Road #657; and Permit #72-24 to Marathon Pipe Line LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) for work on Lockett Road #730. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of September 25, 2024 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOA (MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT) - ADA COUNTY

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Agreement between County of Malheur, State of Oregon and County of Ada, State of Idaho FY 2025. Agreement #15419-1-24. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement is for juvenile offenders under the jurisdiction of Malheur County to be temporarily housed at the Ada County Detention Center. A copy will be returned for recording. See instrument #2024-2882

VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to reappoint Jeremy Evers to the Vector Control Board of Trustees. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IGA - VALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Malheur County, Oregon and Vale School District #84 for School Resource Deputy Services. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 2025. See instrument # 2024-2739

FARMLAND LEASE - FARMERS

Commissioner Jacobs proposed that the County modify the farmland lease with Farmers (Charles, James, and Margaret Farmer; original lease is recorded as instrument #2020-0142) and allow Farmers to only farm the ground west of the road that runs directly north and south through the property. Commissioner Jacobs has been in contact with Stephen Parrott about the matter. Commissioner Jacobs is also working with Oregon Water Resources Department to transfer the County's portion of the water right to park it instream to protect it so that the County can utilize it at a later date if needed. The Court had no objections to the proposals and authorized Judge Joyce to sign a letter to Farmers regarding the farmland lease.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Commissioner Jacobs reported that he, Mr. Rembowski, and Road Supervisor Dave Tiffany traveled to the site of the HiTech/Jindalee McDermitt Lithium Project. The company has requested additional maintenance on the road; the County currently grades the road twice a year. The road is nearly 20 miles and mostly graveled (some areas are not even graveled.) Commissioner Jacobs noted that the County does not have the personnel or equipment to do added improvements to the road and that HiTech may need to look to another source to work on the road. (An outside source would need to confer with the County road department as it is a public road.)

Judge Joyce noted he received concerns about the condition of the boat ramp at Lake Owyhee; he is following up with State Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.