

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
October 19, 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 was 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 # 2022-4757

COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) Transportation Manager Brittany White and Krista Purser from Kittelson & Associates presented the updated Malheur County Coordinated Transportation Plan. Also present was ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) Region 5 Transit Coordinator Angie Jones. The Coordinated Transportation Plan (CTP) is updated every five years to work toward community goals while fulfilling state and federal funding requirements. Ms. Purser gave an overview of the project purpose and the process used in updating the Plan. Ms. Purser and Ms. White answered questions from the Court members. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the updated Malheur County Coordinated Transportation Plan. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-4758

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Undersheriff Travis Johnson, Lieutenant Rich Harriman, and Information Services Director Joshua Kreger met with the Court to discuss Sheriff's Office software system. Currently the system used is CMI Justice (for about the last 13 years) - it provides the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system in dispatch, report management system (RMS), jail management system (JMS), and civil; it is basically an all-encompassing software system. Ontario and Nyssa both share the Justice system with the County. However, the software system is significantly lagging when trying to pull data; it's inaccurate, doesn't track well and is prone to human error. Staff has been looking at other law enforcement software systems. Lt. Harriman explained he received a grant for a communications assessment; the results showed that the current CAD system is under-serving. Bids from three companies were sought: Mark43; Motorola Flex, (used by several Idaho agencies); and Tyler New World. Mark43 did not respond with a bid. Motorola Flex initial cost to change over is about \$300,000 (does not include migrating the existing data) with an annual subscription fee of \$12,500. Tyler New World initial cost is \$784,000 with an annual subscription fee of \$95,000. Changing software systems will also be discussed at an upcoming 911 User's Board meeting. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding can be used to update the law enforcement software system. Other projects in the works are updating the in-car cameras and body cameras; and utilizing MDTs/MDCs (mobile data terminals/mobile data computers) in the vehicles. All agree that there be a plan to save and maintain the equipment for the future. The Court was supportive of the equipment upgrades proposal.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #39-22 to Shannon & Wilson for geotechnical drilling in the gravel shoulder on Owyhee Lake Road #846; and Crossing Permit #40-22 to South Board of Control to repair an underground pipeline on Lonesome Road #1058. Commissioner Hodge 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 October 12, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VECTOR DISTRICT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to reappoint Kelly Peterson to the Vector Control Board of Trustees. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ODFW SAGE GROUSE CORE AREA UPDATE - POINT OF CONTACT

Commissioner Hodge moved to designate Planner Eric Evans as the County's point of contact in conjunction with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) revision process of its Sage-Grouse Core and Low-Density habitat designations. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-4759 for the correspondence from ODFW.

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 Lieutenant Rich Harriman, County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Jeff Rodgers. No decisions were made during the session.

ASD COORDINATOR VACANCY

Ms. Williams, on behalf of the interview committee, moved to make a conditional offer of employment for the ASD (Ambulance Service District) Coordinator to the committee's number one candidate. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.