

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**October 4, 2017**

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.

Also present was City of Ontario Community Development Director Dan Cummings, Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer, and John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) - Labor Negotiator Consultation with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Wilson present. Also present were County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer, and John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise. No decisions were made during or following the session.

**COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of September 27, 2017 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BOPTA ORDER**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Order No. GO-10-17: In the Matter of the Appointment of Members to the 2018 Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) Chairperson's Pool and Non-Office Holding Pool. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gary Fugate and Pat Morinaka will serve in the Chairperson's Pool; Pat Morinaka, Edwin (Eddie) Heid and Logan Hamilton will serve in the Non-Office Holding Pool. See instrument # [2017-3878](#)

**JCP PROVIDER CONTRACT - COMMUNITIES IN ACTION**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Provider Contract for Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Services 2017-2019 with Communities in Action. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. JCP Prevention Services target youths 10 to 17 years of age who are at high risk for commission of juvenile crime and who have the basic risk factors; Communities in Action is provider that employs authorized professionals to provide youth services. See instrument # [2017-3879](#)

### **NACO DUES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payment of National Association of Counties (NACo) 2018 membership dues in the amount of \$626.00. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #39-17 to Oregon Telephone Corporation for work on Little Valley Road #698 for a new cell tower. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AMENDMENT - IGA #154122**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve First Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment increases funding to Program Element 40, Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and amends the language in Exhibit J. A copy will be returned for recording.

### **HOUSE BILL 2012**

The Court members individually submitted names of appointees for consideration for the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region Board, created by House Bill 2012. Staff will compile the three lists into one and submit it to Business Oregon. Business Oregon staff will forward the information to the Governor's appointment staff that will then send out applications and contact the appointees. The Governor will appoint seven voting members to the Board. (The list received from the Ontario City Council, and the list from the city managers of Vale, Nyssa, and Ontario will also be sent to Business Oregon.)

### **FAIRGROUNDS MONTHLY UPDATE**

Fairgrounds Manager Lynelle Christiani met with the Court and provided an update of activities. Ms. Christiani shared information from the presentation she recently made to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. There are 300 4-H members in Malheur County; and 400 FFA members in Malheur County (127 FFA members exhibited at the 2017 Fair). The Junior Livestock Sale generated over \$500,000 in revenue. Over 50,000 people will pass through the fairground gates this year. The fairgrounds have 32 partial RV hook-ups that can be used during fair and other events. The box horse stalls are rented out throughout the year. The arena has been rented out for 33 various events so far this year; and 33 events have been held in the Red Barn and Commercial Building. The fairgrounds will be partnering with Euvalcree in an effort to secure grant funding to assist with infrastructure and capital improvement projects. The fairgrounds recently hired a new caretaker as the previous one left in August.

Ms. Christiani asked the Court members what their vision is for the fairgrounds. Commissioner Hodge explained he wants it to be a community congregated facility structured and utilized similarly to Deschutes County Fairgrounds (a multipurpose facility that can be used year-round). Commissioner Wilson stated he was very pleased with the efforts of Ms. Christiani thus far and that he sees a positive difference in the board and the fairgrounds itself; and he believes it is going in the right direction.

Ms. Christiani explained the Board is always striving to improve and to make the best decisions for the fairgrounds to succeed; and for the fairgrounds to succeed it must have the support of the Court and the community.

The Small Animal Building will be rebuilt to the same size it previously was, but it will include A/C, heat, and ventilation. It is hoped that more "city" youth will participate in the Fair as there are many activities for them, such as art programs, small animal programs, and dog programs. The Fair is for the entire community.

The Court expressed that they are supportive of the fair and the efforts of the board to continue forward and be progressive. It was discussed that there is a need for additional Advisory Board members.

Ms. Williams and Ms. Christiani discussed "replacement value" and "cash value" of the damaged/destroyed structures at the fairgrounds. It is trying to be determined if the replacement value of the insurance monies can be used in other areas of the fairgrounds such as equipment and updating existing facilities; or if it has to be used for new construction only. Cash value monies could be used for any purpose, such as contingency for operating costs.

The solar project is still not operating as predicted. The mobile home is over producing and the other two systems are not producing what they should be.

### **AUDITORS**

Ms. DuBois told the Court the auditors would be here next week, Tuesday thru Thursday.

### **DAN CUMMINGS**

Mr. Cummings said he was present to show the City of Ontario's support for HB 2012.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Court was adjourned.