

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
November 5, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. 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. Present in the meeting room was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski, and Surveyor Derrick McKrola. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board and emailed to the Argus Observer and those persons who have requested notice. The agenda is recorded as instrument # 2025-3564

TREASURE VALLEY PARAMEDICS (TVP) - QUARTERLY UPDATE

TVP, Inc. Vice-President Heather Land met with the Court and provided a quarterly update per the terms of the personal services contract amendment. The GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport) tax has hit and TVP was asked to pay all of year 2024 (approximately \$100,000); the first two quarters of 2025 (approximately \$47,000); and the remaining two quarters of 2025 is due by the end of January 2026. Some reimbursements were received and labeled as education reimbursement or claim adjustment; this caused questions to arise and payments were halted due to coding. The reimbursement payments are coming in looking like revenue and this is concerning as the GEMT tax is a 5% tax on gross revenue. The payment frequency and amounts are random and there is not clarity on what year the payments apply to. There is a lot of uncertainty with the GEMT tax and reimbursements; basic life support calls now have a higher payment amount than an advanced life support call and an ALS (Advanced Life Support) 2 call (a higher level of care) is even less. The more medications and more care given the lower the reimbursement rate.

TVP has experienced a lot of vehicle equipment issues this year (engines, transmission, turbo). There is still a paramedic shortage. One individual is testing this month; two individuals are completing their schooling in May 2026; two others are completing their schooling in November 2026; Oregon licensure requirements are challenging.

TVP is providing transport for Weiser hospital for a lot of critical cases. TVP has a new critical care monitor, new pumps, and two new ventilators. The staff is positive with great attitudes.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #238-25 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities to repair damaged cable on Railroad Avenue #874; and Permit #239-25 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities to repair cable on Grey Blvd. #956; and the following Crossing Permits to Rally Networks for burying of fiber optic communications cable: Permit #240-25 on Annex Road #952; Permit #241-25 on Buckhorn Road #1023; Permit #242-25 on Conductor Road #963; Permit #243-25 on Lockett Road #730; Permit #244-25 on Love Reservoir Road #1139; Permit #245-25 on Moores Hollow Road #673; Permit #246-25 on Nectarine Road #1032; Permit #247-25 on Noble Road #910; Permit #248-25 on Oleander Road #912; Permit #249-25 on Patch Island Road #760; Permit

#250-25 on Porters Flat Road #963; Permit #251-25 on Redcap Road #670; Permit #252-25 on Snake River Road #3009; and Permit #253-25 on W Peach Road #914. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of October 29, 2025 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Jacobs abstained as he was not present on October 29, 2025.

PROVIDER CONTRACT - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Provider Contract for Juvenile Crime Prevention Services 2025-2027 with Boys and Girls Club of the Western Treasure Valley. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument# 2025-3565

IGA # 185822 AMENDMENT

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Fourth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2025-2027 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #185822. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funding is increased for Program Element 01-01 State Support for Public Health; and for Program Element 12-01 – Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public; no public comments were received.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

** Oregon Department of Emergency Management Statewide Preparedness and Incident Response Grant Agreement, Project Name: Malheur County Emergency Management, Agreement Number: SP25-006, recorded as instrument # 2025-3592. This is grant funding for a mobile command vehicle.