

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
November 12, 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 were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski, and ASD Coordinator Keith Ishida. 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 # 2025-3627

AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT (ASD) SESSION

The Court met as the governing body of the Ambulance Service District to consider a request for the ASD Coordinator to temporarily work for Treasure Valley Paramedics (TVP). Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams. ASD Coordinator Keith Ishida explained he has been employed with TVP and requested authorization to continue employment with TVP temporarily, through December 31, 2025. (Mr. Ishida recently began employment as the ASD Coordinator on November 3, 2025.) The ASD Coordinator position is three days a week (22.5 hours); and Mr. Ishida assured the Court of his ability to work the required 22.5 hours for the Ambulance Service District and still work as a paramedic for TVP. While Mr. Ishida is employed with TVP, any decision making concerning TVP will come before the ASD governing body (County Court). Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize Mr. Ishida to work for TVP through December 31, 2025. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. As the ASD Coordinator position is part-time, previous ASD Coordinators have worked for other providers not under contract with the County and allowing Mr. Ishida to temporarily work for TVP and ensuring that any decision making concerning TVP comes before the ASD governing body complies with the spirit of the job announcement.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of November 5, 2025 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R25-31: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate additional CJC (Criminal Justice Commission) Treatment Court grant funds in the District Attorney's budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds are to be used for participant supports. See instrument # 2025-3628

GEODC BOARD

Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski to serve on the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) board. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The GEODC board currently meets once a month and Judge Joyce is also a member of the board. Mr. Rembowski currently meets with GEODC staff and partners once a month.

PROVIDER CONTRACT – ALTRUISTIC RECOVERY

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Provider Contract for Juvenile Crime Prevention Services 2025-2027 with Altruistic Recovery Inc. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument# 2025-3629

ROAD ACCEPTANCE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to accept road dedication of a portion of Rolland Road on Dwight Hooley's Partition Plat #25-15. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2025-3646 for the Partition Plat and instrument # 2025-3638 for the written statement prepared by County Surveyor Derrick McKrola.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jacobs recently attended a virtual fence presentation/demonstration sponsored by Oregon State University and University of Idaho; a landowner in Rockville is currently utilizing the technology on an irrigated pasture. In the future, the technology may be very beneficial for ranchers.

Commissioner Mendiola expressed appreciation for Veterans and their service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COURT ADJOURNMENT

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