

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**November 20, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce 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, Building Official Adele Schaffeld, Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski, public member John Messick and public member Kelly Johnson. 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 # 2024-3184

**EASTERN OREGON BORDER BOARD**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to submit the following names to the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board: David Herrera, David Ingram, Daniel Longoni, Juan Munoz and Emelia Padilla. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Border Board has solicited for persons interested in serving on the board and these individuals have expressed interest. There is one vacancy on the Board; the Governor makes the appointment.

**CROSSING PERMIT**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Crossing Permit #85-24 to Rally Networks for work on Clark Boulevard #755 and Park Avenue #857. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

**COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of November 6, 2024 and November 13, 2024. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Jacobs abstained as he was not present on November 13, 2024.

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R24-26: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 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 Homeland Security grant funds that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted - these funds are to be used for securing the courthouse basement windows and door; and to allocate additional Oregon Department of Justice VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Human Trafficking Grant funds that were not included when the budget was adopted - these funds are to be used for projects set out in the grant documents. See instrument # 2024-3185

### **NACO DUES**

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve payment of National Association of Counties (NACo) membership dues for 2025 in the amount of \$631.00 Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **EASTERN OREGON BORDER BOARD**

Eastern Oregon Border Board Executive Director Shawna Peterson offered to answer any questions the Court may have had regarding the persons recommended for consideration by the Governor for appointment to the Board. The Court had no questions.

### **AUDIT**

John Russell of Zwygart John & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, met with the Court and reviewed the County's 2023-2024 Audit. Zwygart John & Associates audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Malheur County for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements. Funds with expenditures over appropriations was the Special Transportation fund; and the County had two budget increases over 10% with no public hearing. See instrument # 2024-3189 for the complete audit; and instrument # 2024-3193 and 2024-3194 for supplemental documents. The audit will also be placed on the County website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Johnson commented on the condition of Crowley Road (roughly 70 miles from Harper to Hwy 78) and the need for maintenance and improvements on the road. Mr. Johnson commented that a section of the road (near Frying Pan Ranch) has not been graded in nearly three years. Mr. Johnson suggested that cutting blind corners, and improving humps and grades would generate 200,000-300,000 thousand yards of material in the County's 60-foot right-of-way.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.