

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

### **December 19, 2018**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois.

#### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Planner Eric Evans met with the Court. Mr. Evans provided his fourth monthly report to the Court as the Court has required. Mr. Evans also told the Court that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission as Frank Ausman resigned.

#### **AGREEMENT - BLUE MOUNTAIN**

Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court and presented an agreement with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) for the Court's consideration; the agreement is for the Blue Mountain repeater site. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Intergovernmental Colocation Agreement with the State of Oregon through its Department of Transportation. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The term of the agreement is for ten years; Site Name is: Blue Mountain; Site Number is: F72303. A copy will be returned for recording after execution by ODOT.

#### **MALHEUR WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Meeting with the Court from Malheur Watershed Council were Kelly Weideman and Chairman Andy Bentz. An annual written update was provided to the Court members. Over the past year the Council has partnered with 16 different landowners and improved more than 1,500 irrigated acres. Habitat and riparian restoration projects extend into the mountains of Harney County and the upper Malheur River in Grant County. Outreach efforts resulted in connections with new landowners and several community meetings were held. In the past two years, more than \$4.1 million has been used to purchase local supplies, contract with local labor, utilize local businesses, and improve local aspects of the watershed. The owner of Roman's Precision Irrigation indicated that he has grown from a staff of 4 employees in 2000 to 17 employees currently. Four projects were completed during 2017-2018. There are 13 new and continuing projects; and the Council is partnering with Malheur SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) on several other projects. See instrument [#2018-4632](#) for the complete report.

#### **STIF APPLICATION**

MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services) Executive Director Loni Thomas met with the Court. Ms. Thomas explained that the STIF (State Transportation Improvement Fund) grant application recently submitted to ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) needed additional information and would not be completed by the first deadline. The application will be revised and submitted by the next deadline which is May 2019. Ms. Thomas is working with ODOT to develop a STIF Plan; and a section of the STIF by-laws need to be amended.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2) (d) - Labor Negotiator Consultations with Judge Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner

Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and County Counsel Stephanie Williams. No decisions were made during or following the session.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of December 5, 2018 as written. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **RESIGNATION - ATAGI**

Commissioner Wilson moved to accept the resignation of Health Department Director Lindsay Atagi. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AOC (ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES) DUES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payment of AOC 2019 Membership Dues in the amount of \$19,565.56. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **FUND TRANSFERS RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution R18-28: In the Matter of Fund Transfers under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funds are transferred within the Road Equipment Fund, Veterans Office, and CVSO Expansion Fund. See instrument #[2018-4633](#)

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.