

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

December 14, 2016

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

Also present was Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer and John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

ODOT SECTION 5311 GRANT APPLICATION

Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services (MCOA&CS) Executive Director Loni Debban and Transportation Project Manager Cheryl Gerzine met with the Court. Ms. Debban presented the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rail and Public Transit Section 5311 Funding Application Formula Grants for Rural Areas. The grant application includes funds for Administration, Operations, Preventative Maintenance, and Mobility Management. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve submittal of the Section 5311 Funding Application to ODOT. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of December 7, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO IGA #170009

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Amendment Number 1 to Oregon Judicial Department Courthouse Improvement Intergovernmental Agreement OJD Contract No. 170009. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment is for other needed courthouse improvements to be performed as part of the elevator construction project. A copy will be returned for recording. See instrument #[2016-4512](#)

AOC FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

By consensus the Court delegated Judge Joyce to be Malheur County's Voting Delegate for the election of the AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) Forest Management Subcommittee Board of Directors for District 6.

VECTOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Wilson moved to reappoint Carl Hill to the Vector Control Board of Trustees. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EASTERN OREGON COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES HUB - UPDATE

Kelly Poe met with the Court and provided an update on the Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub. Early learning hubs were created by the legislature in 2013 and are a part of the Department of Education; early learning hubs replaced Commission on Children and Families. The Hub is comprised of Malheur, Baker and Wallowa Counties; Board appointments are made from each of the three counties (5 members with 4 votes). Each county also has a local advisory group called Cradle to Career Partnerships. Cradle to Career Partnerships meet monthly and discuss strategies for children ages 0-20. Suzanne Bolyard from TVCC (Treasure Valley

Community College) recently submitted a request to the governor to be appointed to the Early Learning Council; there is not an Eastern Oregon representative on the Early Learning Council and efforts have been ongoing for years to get someone from Eastern Oregon on the Council. Ms. Poe recently gave testimony to the Early Learning Council about the need for representation on the Council and about the competitive process the Hubs must go through. The competitive process is not only onerous but harmful for rural counties.

The Children's Institute 2017 legislative funding priorities are: Preschool Promise, Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education, and Home Visiting; these learning efforts currently are provided locally by the Hub and ESD.

The Early Learning Division established a priority of evaluating policy and practice through a racial equity lens and an Oregon Equity Lens was developed (currently in draft form). Part of the Hub contract is to conduct structural racism training. Focus groups were formed in the three counties and workshops were held. Each of the three counties had different levels of awareness and perceptions of equity and inequities in their counties. The Hub contracted with Bill Grace and his organization Common Good Works to assist with the training efforts. An additional four workshops will be held in 2017. The Malheur County equity group includes persons from the Poverty to Prosperity Treasure Valley Tech program and the Cradle to Career Partnership.

Ms. Poe explained that it is working well to have the Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub be a part of the Malheur Educational Service District (ESD) and that education and social work have been brought together.

COUNTY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN; SOLAR ECLIPSE INFORMATION

Lieutenant Rob Hunsucker met with the Court. Also present was Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes and IS Coordinator Josh Kreger. Lt. Hunsucker explained that revisions were made to the County's Interoperable Communications Plan. Commissioner Hodge moved to adopt the revised Malheur County Interoperable Communications Plan. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2016-4445](#)

Lt. Hunsucker provided the Court information on the 2017 solar eclipse. The August 21, 2017 eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental US since 1979. The path of totality stretches across Oregon and will cross Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Lincoln, Linn, Jefferson, Malheur, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Wheeler, and Yamhill counties. The entirety of the eclipse is expected to last about 2.5 hours with total blackout lasting about 2 minutes. Eastern Oregon is expected to be a popular destination for viewing the eclipse with an estimated 50,000 visitors expected; if the Oregon Coast viewing weather is bad then more are expected. Oregon Department of Transportation has concerns with traffic impacts the event will cause throughout the state and has ramped up their planning efforts. Travel on all highways will be impacted; people are encouraged to stay on paved roads as many remote area access roads are not suitable for passenger cars and there is concern that visitors will get lost or stranded. Special events for the eclipse are planned in viewing areas throughout the state. All of the Oregon State Parks in the viewing areas are booked up and it is believed that the motels in Eastern Oregon are booked up.

12.2 million Americans, 3.8% of the Nation, live within the path of the total solar eclipse; 324 million Americans, 99% of the Nation, live within 900 miles of the eclipse. Recommended viewing spots include parks, schools, stadiums, hilltops, and fairgrounds. There are several things to consider in the viewing path through Malheur County including limited hotels and few campgrounds, wildfire dangers and associated road closures, and possible traffic gridlocks. Oregon Emergency Management estimates that there may be increases in traffic and a strain on public safety services may occur.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.