

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**  
**December 21, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Office of the Malheur County Courthouse with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Ron Jacobs present. Members of the media, public, and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Also present was Commissioner-elect Jim Mendiola. 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 # 2022-5789

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SOFTWARE UPDATE**

Undersheriff Travis Johnson and Lieutenant Rich Harriman met with the Court and provided an update on the Sheriff's Office software upgrade project. A 911 User's Board meeting was recently held and all agencies agree that they wish to go with the Motorola-Flex product rather than New World-Tyler as previously approved by the Court. There were several factors that played into the decision. Five neighboring jurisdictions are currently using Motorola-Flex, and five other neighboring jurisdictions are strongly looking at Motorola-Flex; Motorola-Flex has an option called Insight which allows communication and sharing of data with other Motorola-Flex neighboring jurisdictions. (Motorola-Flex has offered to comp Insight, with the exception of implementation fees.) Neighboring Canyon County, Nampa Police Department, and Owyhee County all have Insight. An updated quote from Motorola-Flex was received and essentially some of the annual fees will be prepaid for the next several years. Motorola's annual maintenance fee is significantly lower than Tyler's. Lt. Harriman and Undersheriff Johnson answered questions from the Court members. Hardware costs are still being determined; Ontario may apply for funding from Border Board to assist with server costs. Commissioner Hodge moved to amend the motion of December 7, 2022 to approve the software upgrade project with the vendor determined by the Sheriff's Office and the IS Department. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR DOUBLE TIME COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME IN JAIL AND DISPATCH**

Lt. Harriman reviewed a resolution he drafted authorizing double overtime for hours deputies work beyond 40 per week in the jail and dispatch. Lt. Harriman explained that both the jail and dispatch center have experienced catastrophic staffing shortages; funds for the program are in the Personal Services budgets due to the shortage of staff in the jail and dispatch; and the program would sunset at the end of the fiscal year, or when the Personal Services budgets for the respective divisions are nearing depletion. The proposal is offered as a sign of appreciation for the hundreds of hours of overtime that many deputies have worked, and as an incentive to keep pushing through while the Sheriff's Office is in the final stretch to getting up to full staff again. The Sheriff's Employees Association's attorney is drafting a memorandum of understanding regarding the double time compensation program. The proposal will be reviewed with Administrative Officer Lorinda

DuBois. The Court expressed appreciation to those working overtime to keep the jail and dispatch center operating.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Court Minutes of December 21, 2022 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **TREASURE VALLEY PARAMEDICS (TVP) RATE INCREASE**

Treasure Valley Paramedics notified the County of the need to increase their fees. TVP's last fee increase was in 2016. The County's contract with TVP requires TVP to notify the County sixty days in advance of a fee increase; the County may, in its discretion, hold a hearing on any fee increase. Commissioner Jacobs moved to acknowledge TVP's sixty (60) day notification of the fee increases; no hearing will be held. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF AUDIT**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the County's audit for the year ended June 30, 2022. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The audit was presented to the Court last week, December 14, 2022.

### **JAIL NARCOTICS DETECTION SYSTEM**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the purchase of an ION SCAN 600 Narcotics Detection System for the jail with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The quoted amount for the purchase is \$41,030.

### **JAIL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve purchase of jail kitchen equipment with ARPA funds (range, mixer, dishwasher, and mobile heated cabinet). Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The quoted amount for the purchases is \$45,927.

### **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS - SPEELMAN, AMASON, WEIR**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the following employment agreements: Sergeant/Malheur County Sheriff's Office - employment of PERS retiree Employment Agreement with Robert "Bob" Speelman; Temporary Employment Agreement to Perform LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) Entry/Dispatcher Duty - Malheur County Sheriff's Office with Liz Amason; and Temporary Employment Agreement to Perform Duties of a Dispatcher (Excluding 911) - Malheur County Sheriff's Office with Melody Weir. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-5790, # 2022-5791, and # 2022-5792.

### **GRAZING LEASE - HOLLOWAY**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Fifth Amendment to Lease of Land for Grazing Purposes Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2008-901; First Amendment Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2011-0042; Second Amendment

Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2013-5045; Third Amendment  
Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2016-4523; Fourth Amendment  
Recorded with the Malheur County Clerk as Instrument Number 2020-0405. Commissioner Hodge  
seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # 2022-5793

**COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.