

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**February 7, 2018**

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

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #13-18 to Idaho Power Company to install a pole and transformer for a pivot on Hope Road #569. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Moulton explained he had received various bids for a pickup for Jordan Valley. Bids from Ford dealerships and Dodge dealerships were received (Chevy dealerships were requested but not returned). The low bid was from Auto Ranch for a 2017 Ford 1-ton for \$30,000. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept the bid from Auto Ranch for the 2017 Ford 1-ton. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. Bids were also obtained for a utility box; the low bid was from Cobalt for \$10,620. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept the low bid from Cobalt for the utility box. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

The County-owned property in Jordan Valley has been surveyed; Mr. Moulton will obtain bids for fencing of the lot.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of January 31, 2018. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

### **BUDGET BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Commissioner Hodge moved to appoint Richard Eiguren to a second term on the Budget Board. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

### **AWARD CONTRACT- FAIRGROUNDS REBUILD - RY WEST HOMES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to award the contract for the rebuild of Girvin Hall and the Small Animal Barn to Ry West Homes Inc., bid of \$1,516,000. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed. A construction contract will be drafted.

### **FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE**

Fairgrounds Manager Lynelle Christiani provided an update of activities. Repairs of the Hog Barn have started. Eight contractors attended the pre-bid conference for the rebuild of Girvin Hall and the Small Animal Barn; four bids were received; and the low bid was Ry West Homes Inc. A concert will be held during the Fair on Thursday evening; the concert venue will be behind the Red Barn. A safety meeting was held last week; various entities including city police departments, fire departments, and the Sheriff's Office were invited to attend the meeting. Security and preparedness for emergency situations was discussed; the fair board is working towards developing its own emergency preparedness plan. Work is underway to obtain superintendents and volunteers for this year's Fair. A local school has requested to bring some of

its special education students to volunteer at the fairgrounds. Ms. Christiani expressed concern on how to complete the budget document for the next fiscal year as there are a lot of unknowns with the new buildings. Commissioner Hodge asked about the solar project; there is no change with the status of the project.

Mr. Braese left the meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 215**

Present for the first public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 215: An Ordinance for a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment to Include a Portion of Tax Lot 1600 Map 18S47 of the Malheur County Assessor's Office as a Significant Aggregate Site to Malheur County's Comprehensive Plan, Goal 5, Mineral and Aggregate Inventory was Planner Alvin Scott. Notice of the hearing was published in the Argus Observer. Planning Department File #2018-01-002. Judge Joyce opened the hearing and asked for a Staff Report.

Mr. Scott explained that the requested action is to add an approximate 10 acre aggregate site to the Goal 5 Resource Inventory. The property is located on the Idaho side of the Snake River; the parcel size is approximately 226 acres and the proposed aggregate site is approximately 10 acres. The Owner/Applicant is Pete Ciraulo/ Ciraulo Snake River Ranch. The zoning of the parcel is Exclusive Farm Use. There are 70.10 acres of water right associated with the parcel; none of which is in the proposed mining site. Fire protection is provided by the New Plymouth, Idaho Fire Protection District. The Planning Commission approved the site at its January 25, 2018 meeting and recommended that the Court add the site to the Comprehensive Plan Goal 5, Mineral and Aggregate Inventory. No comments in opposition to the matter were received. Judge Joyce closed the hearing. The second public hearing for consideration of the matter will be February 21, 2018.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.