

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

February 28, 2018

County Court met with Commissioner Don Hodge presiding with Commissioner Larry Wilson present.

Also present was Larry Meyer of the Argus Observer.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of February 21, 2018 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed.

EOCCO CAC APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Sarah Sherman, Kristie Rae Cooper, and Karen Barbery to the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) Community Advisory Council (CAC); Ms. Barbery and Ms. Cooper will serve as each other's proxy. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed.

FAIR ADVISORY BOARD - KREGER

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Joshua Kreger to the Fair Board as an Advisory Member. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. Mr. Kreger will serve as a volunteer on the advisory board, not a County employee.

CROOK COUNTY - JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM

Annette Serrano from Lifeways met with the Court and explained that persons from Crook County were exploring the Jail Diversion program in Malheur County. Present from Crook County were: LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) Coordinator Ken Fahlgren, Crook County Undersheriff James Savage, Crook County Jail Commander Brian Bishop, and Walter Lee from Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Introductions were made and brief conversation ensued.

County Counsel Stephanie Williams joined the meeting.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Undersheriff Travis Johnson met with the Court and updated them on the recent resignation of a patrol deputy; the recruitment process will begin soon. Commissioner Hodge asked about the status of the boilers in the jail; should be another week or so until they are here. Commissioner Wilson commented about a recent complaint received regarding matters in the jail; Undersheriff Johnson was aware of the complaint and said that an internal investigation will be done.

COUNTY LAND SALE

Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth met with the Court and reviewed the properties to be sold at the 2018 County Land Sale. Ref. #4812, the "Slipper" property was discussed. It was discussed that the County is under obligation to repay the State any proceeds from the sale of the property as the State funded the demolition/cleanup of the property (approximately \$80,000). Consensus was to set the minimum bid for Ref. #4812 at \$35,000. Commissioner Wilson moved

to approve Order No. GO-03-18: In the Matter of the Sale of Properties Acquired by the County. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #[2018-0738](#)

Ms. Forsyth also reviewed a newly drafted County Land Sale Policy. (Historically, the County has not had a written County Land Sale Policy.) Ms. Forsyth has researched policies in various counties and has modeled her policy after Lake County's policy. The minimum bid at the land sale auction will be 60% of Real Market Value, unless otherwise determined by the County Court. Contracts of sale will only be offered for parcels selling for over \$20,000; and contract terms are 1/3 down with the balance on a three year contract and interest at the rate of 8% per annum and each periodic payment due on the anniversary of the sale date. Parcels not sold at auction will be made available on an "Over the Counter For Sale List" maintained by the Tax Office. The complete Malheur County Land Sale Policy of County Owned Property by Tax Foreclosure can be found at #2018-0733. Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the policy as presented by Ms. Forsyth. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed.

CARETAKER CONTRACT - FAIRGROUNDS - EUVALCREE

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Contract to Perform Caretaker/Groundskeeper Services at the Malheur County Fairgrounds with Euvalcree. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. The contract expires June 30, 2018. Euvalcree will perform caretaker services at the Fairgrounds; the statement of work fits within Euvalcree's mission and vision to mobilize and engage underserved and underrepresented populations to improve the lives of all children, families, and communities in Oregon and Idaho. See instrument #[2018-0704](#)

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - HOPKINS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Employment Agreement with Hallie Hopkins for dietician and WIC (Women, Infant and Children) training supervisor duties at the Health Department. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #[2018-0703](#)

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve the following Crossing Permits: Permit #15-18 for Idaho Power Company to install transformers on a pole for a pivot on Ivy Road #918; Permit #16-18 for Probst Electric to replace primary power for Idaho Power on Columbia Avenue #860; Permit #17-18 to Cascade Natural Gas for work on NW 36th Street #537; Permit #18-18 for Cascade Natural Gas to replace a gas valve on Sage Road #933; Permit #19-18 for Cascade Natural Gas to replace a gas valve on Foothill Drive #869; Permit #20-18 for Idaho Power Company to install a pole and transformer for a pump on Grey Blvd. #956; Permit #21-18 for Idaho Power Company to install a bank of transformers on Clark Blvd. #857; and Permit #22-18 for Idaho Power Company to upgrade a transformer bank on Vista Drive #977. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

HB 4106- WALLOWA COUNTY LETTER

Commissioner Wilson moved to support a letter written by Wallowa County Commissioner Susan Roberts in support of House Bill (HB) 4106 (2018 Session). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. The Bill would require Fish and Wildlife to report to the Legislative Assembly regarding estimated changes in the wolf population; and require the

Legislative Assembly to identify state funding to assist County programs with wolf depredation and financial assistance. See instrument #[2018-0702](#) for Commissioner Robert's letter.

SB 1502

Commissioner Wilson moved to not support Senate Bill (SB) 1502 (2018 Session) as introduced. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed.

IDAHO POWER SERVICE DOCUMENTS - FAIRGROUNDS

Commissioner Wilson moved to sign the Idaho Power Company Service Request documents for a new transformer at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. See instrument #[2018-0701](#)

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.