

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**March 14, 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.

### **OREGON FOOD BANK - SOUTHEAST OREGON SERVICES**

Oregon Food Bank - Southeast Oregon Services Regional Community Resource Developer Peter Lawson met with the Court and provided an annual update. The Governor's Food Drive is just concluding and the contributions from the employees of SRCI (Snake River Correctional Institution) and DHS (Department of Human Services) were incredible. Last year Oregon Food Bank contributed \$15,000 in support of the transition from Harvest House Missions to Community In Action (CinA); and there is still an active homeless taskforce. \$8,000 in support was contributed for the 2017 Vale Youth Summer Lunch Program Reboot; discussions are currently taking place to ensure the program continues. The warehouse operations distributed just under 900,000 pounds of food in 2017; adding direct contributions to the partnering agencies that number increases to well over one-million pounds. The warehouse location is in Ontario and is a regional food bank that provides food to 35 partnering agencies and programs in Malheur and Harney Counties and is a branch of the nonprofit Oregon Food Bank. The Intake process at the food pantries will soon be computerized. Mr. Lawson visits with partners throughout the region seeking product in support of the statewide food bank system. A local Ag industry resource team meets quarterly and shares information with Mr. Lawson. Oregon Food Bank is asking its agricultural industry partners (growers, producers, shed, and processors) to commit to a combined total of 12 truckloads of product in FY 17/18 from the region. Oregon Food Bank supports the community through other partnerships, efforts, and advocacy such as FFA (Future Farmers of America), Onion Growers Meeting Sponsorships, Ontario Ag Forum participation, OSU (Oregon State University) Extension, and understanding of local policies and activities such as HB 2012 and HB 2017. The Great Owyhee Ride fundraiser has been discontinued this year. Mr. Lawson answered questions from the Court members.

### **FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE**

Fairgrounds Manager Lynelle Christiani met with the Court and provided an update of activities. Contact was made with the fairgrounds adjoining landowner (Brewer) and they are not interested in providing an easement for power purposes on the end of the property by the horse barns. The rebuild and repair projects are moving forward. The Burkhardt family is donating funding for a wash rack facility. The permit for repair of the horse barn was received. The fencing around the arena is going to be replaced. Planning is underway to possibly revamp the restrooms/shower rooms under the grandstands after this year's Fair. Steve Hansen recently donated funding to assist with purchase of a new water truck; and a replacement water truck was recently purchased. It was discovered that the existing water truck is the property of the Road Department and as such it will be returned to the Road Department. Wyatt Currey is having a dinner fundraiser this weekend to benefit the fairgrounds as his Senior Project.

County Counsel Stephanie Williams joined the meeting.

### **UMPQUA BANK**

Lee Birch, Umpqua Bank Nyssa Branch Manager met with the Court. Mr. Birch introduced himself and explained that Umpqua Bank is one of two banks in Nyssa; and Umpqua Bank would be very interested in the opportunity to submit a request for proposal for the transload facility. Mr. Birch gave a brief background of his experience; the Court thanked him for his interest and support of the project.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Crossing Permit #23-18 to Idaho Power to install an overhead transformer on an existing pole on Heritage Drive #555; Permit #24-18 to Idaho Power to install a pole and transformer bank for a pump on Eureka Avenue #862; Permit #25-18 to Idaho Power to install a pole for an overhead line extension for a new pump on Power Road #907; Permit #26-18 to Idaho Power to replace a pole and upgrade a transformer on Klamath Road #540; and Permit #27-18 to Idaho Power to install a transformer bank on a pole on Columbia Avenue #860. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton visited with the Court members about the Brogan property. The residence is currently rented out; and the Road Department is utilizing the gravel pit. There are approximately 7 acres that have water rights that are not in use. Mr. Moulton has been contacted by an individual wishing to rent the property. A fence would need to be constructed to protect the gravel pit. Mr. Moulton suggested renting the property and the renter will pay the annual water bill which will keep the water rights current. The Court was agreeable to the proposal. Mr. Moulton will work out remaining details and coordinate with Ms. Williams to draft a lease document.

Mr. Moulton also visited with the Court about the water truck at the Fairgrounds. The water truck was loaned to the Fairgrounds in 2007 with the agreement that the Fairgrounds would maintain it. Now that the truck is no longer needed by the Fairgrounds it needs to be returned to the Road Department; the Road Department will in turn declare it as surplus and sell it. (The truck was originally purchased with dedicated funds and as such must stay within the Road fund.)

Also, Mr. Moulton's last day of work will be April 26, 2018.

### **OPEN RANGE**

Commissioner Wilson commented on an inquiry he had received asking about open range in the Arcadia Blvd. area. The area does not qualify for open range designation.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Court Minutes of February 28, 2018 as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was not present on February 28, 2018.)

### **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution No. R18-4: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471.

Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The supplemental budget allocates insurance funds that were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared to pay for Fair expenses related to losses due to snow damage claims; and allocates the spending of additional donations which were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared; funds are to be used to purchase a water truck. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2018-0874](#)

### **AOC DUES**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve payment of 2018 AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) dues in the amount of \$19,565.56. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **QUITCLAIM DEED**

Commissioner Wilson moved to execute Quitclaim Deed to the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Map and Tax Lot #30S46E TL 3399. (The property was previously a gravel pit and is no longer needed by the County; the adjoining landowner, Mike Hanley, is working with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) to purchase the property.) The deed will be returned by ODOT for recording.

### **AMENDMENT - IGA #154122**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Fifth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #154122. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Section 1 of Exhibit C is superseded and replaced in its entirety by Attachment A of the amendment. A copy will be returned for recording.

### **OPPORTUNITY ZONE DESIGNATION LETTER**

The Court authorized the submittal of a letter to Governor Brown regarding a Malheur County Opportunity Zone designation for five Low-Income Community (LIC) Tracts in the County in the communities of Nyssa, Ontario, and Vale. The letter was prepared by Economic Development Department and will be submitted by them. See instrument # [2018-0887](#)

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The Court members then met at the Health Department for a walk-through and visit with staff.