

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

April 11, 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 and Sheriff Brian Wolfe.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

Economic Development Director Greg Smith and Assistant Phil Scheuers met with the Court and provided an update of activities. Mr. Smith met with the Jordan Valley ambulance board; the board hopes to secure financing to construct a new ambulance storage facility (approximate \$140,000 project). Funding will be applied for through the Eastern Oregon Business Development Fund.

Approximately 65 Adrian community members have been participating in community strategic planning. Mr. Smith has visited with the participants several times. The community would like to have a grocery store established and is also interested in developing a small school-based health care clinic. Funding is available for school-based health care clinics that are overseen by the local school board; services can be available to students as well as the community. Another concern of the community is the amount of properties that have marijuana grow sites on them. The Regional Director of Oregon State Parks will also be invited to the community to explore potential opportunities for park developments.

Mr. Smith attended the Natural Products Expo in L.A. last month. Mr. Smith suggested that the expo not be attended in the future and rather become a member of the National Onion Association and support that effort.

A site visit to Farmers Fresh Mushrooms is planned in May. The financing efforts are progressing and getting closer to completion.

TVCC (Treasure Valley Community College) contacted Economic Development for assistance with financing options for equipment for its CTE (Career Technical Education) program.

A new legislative committee was formed: Joint Committee on Student Success. The committee is structured after the special committee that secured HB 2017 (transportation package). It is expected that the governor will be directing \$300 million into prioritized CTE projects throughout the State; this committee will be responsible for allocating the funding. Additionally, conversations will take place regarding capital construction projects for education in Oregon. Mr. Smith also serves in the Legislature and serves as vice-chair of this committee, as well as vice-chair of Revenue and Ways and Means. Mr. Smith will work closely with Representative Findley and Senator Bentz.

Mr. Scheuers explained that DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) will be meeting next week with the County regarding the Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) Program. The legislature allocated additional funds (\$300,000) to the program that is designated to specific eastern Oregon counties. It is an opportunity to look at land use planning and determine if any modifications need to be made for long term economic benefit.

Exhibit B to the Project Plan Grant Agreement with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) for the Reload Center was submitted to ODOT; it is expected that ODOT will be distributing the Agreement for signatures in the next 10-12 days. The Malheur County Development Corporation is the responsible party for multiple items in the project plan schedule and in the very near future additional staff will be needed. The Development Board reviewed RFPs (Request for Proposal) and Anderson Perry was selected as the Site Engineer and RailPros will be the Rail Engineer. EcoNorthwest will provide the feasibility analysis and market study. OSU (Oregon State University) Extension will assist EcoNorthwest to reach out to growers, packers, and shippers, both in Oregon and Idaho, to gather information; and the Dean of OSU Extension will peer review the analysis. CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Doug Lamm will assist with certain areas of the business plan. A RFP for a qualified lender will be disturbed most likely next week; a line of credit will be needed as the funding from ODOT is reimbursement based. A request will be made to the Regional Solutions Team for quarterly meetings regarding the reload facility project; weekly meetings will be held with key project partners. A site visit to a facility in North Carolina has been recommended by ODOT, Union Pacific and others and Mr. Smith will travel there in the near future. Agreements with the property owners are nearing completion; gratitude to County Counsel was expressed by Mr. Smith. Several prominent local companies have expressed interest in the reload facility, which could include expanding their operations at the reload facility once it is operational. In the future, a professional will need to be hired to operate the reload facility; it is anticipated that the Development Corporation will operate the industrial park.

Mr. Braese left the meeting.

PROCLAMATION - TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Sheriff Brian Wolfe met with the Court and presented a proclamation for public safety telecommunications week. Sheriff Wolfe read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK APRIL 8-14, 2018 BY THE MALHEUR COUNTY COURT, OREGON

WHEREAS, since 1981 the Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States have established the second week of April as National Telecommunicators Week; and
WHEREAS, Malheur County considers the services of the public safety telecommunicators to be critical to the interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time of the day and night. They can range from a serious medical emergency, to an active fire or need for law enforcement assistance. Often when an individual encounters an emergency they reach for the phone and dial 911. The men and women who answer these calls for help are trained to gather essential information, dispatch the proper resources and provide vital information and instructions to a caller in distress; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the end of the phone. They are knowledgeable and skilled professionals who work closely with law enforcement, fire and medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, our County enjoys a high standard of public health and safety and we owe a great deal of gratitude to them. During this special observance we extend a profound thank you to each operator who answers our request for help -- Tom, Robin, Yesenia, Kathe, Brittany, Kathy, Tauni, Carissa, and Jess.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court proclaims the week of April 8th- 14th, 2018 to be Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We invite all residents to observe this week in honor of our telecommunicators who help to protect our health and safety.

The Court signed the proclamation.

Sheriff Wolfe left the meeting.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of April 4, 2018 as written.

Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

QUITCLAIM DEED - WORTH

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Quitclaim Deed to David G. Worth. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The deed completes a property line adjustment from a 1996 survey. See instrument #[2018-1247](#)

AMENDMENT - IGA #153131

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Fourth Amendment to 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #153131. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment is for the Community Readiness Assessment Model related to problem gambling. See instrument #[2018-1242](#).

AMENDMENT - IGA WITH MARION COUNTY

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marion County and Malheur County for detention services. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy will be returned for recording.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. R18-6: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471.

Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The supplemental budget resolution allocates State funds that were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. Funding in the amount of \$72,640 is allocated in the Mental Health Fund for substance use disorder prevention, early intervention and treatment recovery services; and funding in the amount of \$18,160 is allocated in the Community Corrections Fund for alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services for parolees therefrom and for probationers. See instrument #[2018-1231](#)

ROAD SUPERVISOR VACANCY

The Court authorized Ms. DuBois to offer the Road Supervisor position to the number one candidate and proceed with negotiations.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.