

September 18, 2019

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:**      **Gayle V. Trotter, County Clerk**      Phone (541) 473-5151  
Hours 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-F

### **County Seeks Property Tax Appeals Board Volunteers**

Please consider serving the community by volunteering on the Malheur County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA). The board is responsible for hearing taxpayer appeals for reduction of the real market or assessed value of their real and personal property. Letters of interest are due no later than 5:00 pm Friday, September 27, 2019. Letters of interest can be dropped off at the Malheur County Clerk's Office or by emailing Gayle at [gayle.trotter@malheurco.org](mailto:gayle.trotter@malheurco.org)

The Malheur County Board of Property Tax Appeals Clerk seeks candidates who:

1. Have a working knowledge of the local real estate market, both residential and commercial.
2. Are willing to participate in public hearings, can quickly review documentation while listening to the public and can make reasonable decisions with the affected parties in attendance.
3. Have mediation skills, real estate appraisal, financing or related background as a strength.
4. Are familiar with Oregon property tax.

All members of the BOPTA are appointed by the Malheur County Court at the recommendation of the BOPTA Clerk and may consist of residents of the county who are not employees or members of a governing body of the County or of any taxing district within the county. Each member will serve under oath and carry out their duties in public meetings.

BOPTA members receive a per diem rate of \$20. per day plus mileage and lunch. There is online training to be completed between October and December with in-person training in January. The term begins in early October and ends June 30, 2020. The BOPTA members will conduct appeals hearings during the period of February 1 through April 15, usually only 1 – 2 days during one week in that period.

If interested, candidates may inquire at:

Malheur County Clerk  
251 B ST W #4 (Room 101)  
Vale OR 97918  
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Letters of interest must be received in the Malheur County Clerk's office no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, September 27, 2019. The appointment process will be completed by October 15, 2019. For BOPTA procedural information, contact Gayle Trotter at the Malheur County Clerk's office at (541) 473-5151.

Gayle V. Trotter  
Malheur County Clerk