

**MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2016**

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

Also present were members of the Ontario Chamber Networking & Leadership group including: Jaime Taylor, Leslie Eisenbarth, Trevor Knudsen, Debbie Jo Wilson, Shande DeForest, Danelle Crosby, Annette Serrano, Jeremy Evers, Lucas Hooker, Tim Koberlein, Matt Frye, J.R. Smith, and Ontario Chamber Executive Director John Breidenbach.

Judge Joyce opened the meeting and everyone present introduced themselves.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Lieutenant Debbie Hust met with the Court and explained that Sgt. Keppinger had given notice of her resignation for May 2016. After discussions with Sheriff Wolfe and others it has been decided to replace the position with a civilian tech position; internal staff will take over Sgt. Keppinger's supervisory duties. Ms. Hust requested authorization to proceed with the advertising and hiring process with the intent to have the new hire begin duties by April 1. The Court had no objections to the request.

ONTARIO CHAMBER LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Court visited with the Chamber Leadership Group about various current issues. Judge Joyce briefly explained some of the duties and responsibilities of the Court members. The proposed minimum wage increase and proposed Owyhee Canyonlands Monument designation were discussed among those present.

CHECK REGISTER

Accounting Specialist Judy Bond met with the Court. The Court signed the Accounts Payable (AP) register for December 2015.

The Court further visited with the Chamber Leadership Group; thanked those members for attending; and the group left the meeting.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of January 13, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS - IGA #147797

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Fourth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #147797; and Sixth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #147797. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendments amend the financial and service information in the Financial Assistance Award. Copies will be returned electronically for recording. Original agreement recorded as #2015-2466. See instrument #[2016-0258](#) for Fourth Amendment.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution R16-2: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The supplemental budget allocates the spending of additional VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Grant funds which were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. Additional funds are for Victim Advocate salary costs and one quarter (January-March) of salary and payroll costs for the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant Victim Advocate. See instrument # [2015-0184](#)

BUDGET TRANSFER

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution R16-3: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Transfers are within the Weed Department's budget. See instrument # [2016-0185](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiator Consultations with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Wilson present. Also present was County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, and Juvenile Department Director Susan Gregory. No decisions were made during or following the session.

BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY (B2H) PROJECT - COMMENT PERIOD

Planner Alvin Scott met with the Court and explained that B2H Cooperating Agencies have until January 22, 2016 to submit comments regarding BLM's (Bureau of Land Management) Environmentally Preferred Alternative route. The "Willow Creek Alternative" runs through EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) ground in the Jamieson area. Farmers affected by this proposal have voiced opposition to this route. Comments will only be taken from Cooperating Agencies; however Cooperating Agencies can submit comments incorporating comments from others. Landowners recently met with SIP Board of Directors regarding the new proposed route and are gathering comments to submit to the County. Mr. Scott will ensure that comments from the County are submitted by the January 22 deadline. See instrument #[2016-0219](#)

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.

Clerk's Note*****

Deed, made this 14th day of January 2016, between Jennifer J. Forsyth, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Malheur County, State of Oregon, "Grantor", and Malheur County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, "Grantee". Pursuant to a General Judgment and Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Malheur, whereas Malheur County was the Plaintiff and Rothchild, Lynn W. et al were Defendants, real properties were, by said General Judgment and Order, sold subject to redemption to Malheur County, Oregon. See Instrument #[2016-0124](#).