

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2016

The Malheur 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 was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

CHECK REGISTER

Accounting Specialist Judy Bond met with the Court. The Court signed the Accounts Payable (AP) register for January 2016.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of February 24, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

WEED ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Hodge moved to reappoint Les Ito to the Weed Advisory Board (WAB) effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SEACT

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint City of Ontario Community Development Director Dan Cummings as an alternate on the SEACT Board (Southeast Area Commissions on Transportation). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

County Counsel Stephanie Williams joined the meeting.

CROSSING PERMIT

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #05-16 to Ruf Excavation for installation of irrigation pipeline on S Rd K #7311. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The original permit will be kept on file at the Road Department.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - HILL

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Malheur County Sheriff Deputy - Employment of PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) Retiree Temporary Employment Agreement with Cliff Hill. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement expires June 30, 2016. See instrument [#2016-0704](#)

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Judge Joyce opened the public hearing for consideration of supplemental budget resolution R16-5. The supplemental budget resolution allocates the spending of State of Oregon Judicial Department funds which were received but not anticipated when the adopted budget was prepared. The funds are to be used to acquire architecture and engineering services for an elevator in the Malheur County Courthouse. No public comments were received. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution No. R16-5: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument [#2016-0705](#)

PROPOSED RATE INCREASES - LYTLE BLVD LANDFILL

Environmental Health Director Craig Geddes met with the Court. Also present was Environmental Health Specialist Eric Evans. Mr. Geddes explained that DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) fees are increasing for the landfill. Mr. Geddes proposed adjusting the landfill fees for both un-compacted waste and commercially compacted waste by approximately 3%; and eliminating the \$1.00 per vehicle surcharge. The

new rates would be effective July 1, 2016. The Court had no objections to the proposal. A public hearing will be scheduled.

SECOND HEARING - ORDINANCE 213

Judge Joyce opened the second public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 213 Ratifying Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) creating the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES). Surveyor/Engineer Tom Edwards explained that OACES has existed since 1906 as an informal organization. Once the IGA is ratified by at least 10 Oregon counties the entity will be created officially and it is anticipated that all Oregon counties will join the organization. There were no public comments. Judge Joyce closed the hearing. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 213 Ratifying Intergovernmental Agreement Creating the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES). Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2016-0706](#)

WEED DEPARTMENT

Weed Inspector Gary Page and Weed Advisory Board members Jerry Erstrom and Ken Freese met with the Court. The Weed Advisory Board (WAB) has recommended that the board be reduced from seven members to five members and one alternate. Five was the original number of members when the WAB was reestablished in 1997. The recommendation is mainly due to the difficulty in finding willing participants that fit the mission of the WAB. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the recommendation of the WAB to reduce the board membership to five and one alternate; and to appoint Jeremy Chamberlain as the alternate member of the WAB. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Those present also visited with the Court about Glyphosate Tolerant Creeping Bentgrass (GTCB) (Roundup resistant). A meeting was held locally yesterday regarding bentgrass and Scotts Co. petition for deregulating the genetically modified creeping bentgrass and Scotts management plan of creeping bentgrass. Scotts Co. has signed memorandums with USDA-APHIS (United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) finalizing a management plan and there is concern with the affected stakeholders that the agreement will end up leaving local farmers and irrigation districts to deal with the problematic bentgrass. The Court requested a letter regarding the issues be drafted on their behalf; Mr. Page will follow-up with the Court next week.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Court was adjourned.