

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES
May 15, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court Office with Commissioner Ron Jacobs present. Commissioner Jim Mendiola joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in-person. Staff present in the meeting room were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois and Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Rembowski. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board and emailed to the Argus Observer, Malheur Enterprise and those persons who have requested notice. The meeting was audio recorded. The agenda is recorded as instrument # [2024-1428](#)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT; IGA

Health Department Director Sarah Poe met with the Court; Nursing Supervisor Rebecca Stricker was present electronically. Ms. Poe reviewed the Department's 2023 Annual Report. The Department's Values are Family, Integrity, Love. The Mission is to promote and protect the health of our community through collaboration, education, prevention, and delivery of compassionate care. Health rankings for the county are improving; however, the county does have more poor or fair health and a lower life expectancy than the state or national averages. The Annual Report reviews successes of the Health Department's 11 programs and sets program goals for 2024.

Communicable Diseases: 62 adults in custody received CD screening and testing. 19 people with Hepatitis C were referred to PATHS treatment program.

Immunizations: Provided 3 flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics at agricultural employer sites; and 13 additional off-site vaccine clinics.

Family Planning: Includes STI testing and pregnancy prevention services; served 89 teen clients; and 95 male clients.

Maternal and Child Health: Two home visiting programs; 591 home visits were provided in 2023 and 72 new people were enrolled in home visiting programs.

Modernization: Three plans have been created and implemented: Health Equity, All Hazards, and Climate Adaption.

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Application Assistance: Made over 300 system navigations per month.

Peer Support Services: This is the PRIME program (Peer Recovery Initiated in Medical Establishments). 1006 individuals were served; approximately 11,700 used syringes were collected.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Two emergency preparedness exercises were completed.

Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP): Zero Indoor Clean Air Act complaints were received. Three Smoke-Free Oregon Tobacco Treatment Toolkits were provided to health care providers.

Vital Records: Served 237 death record clients and 304 birth record clients.

Women, Infants, Children (WIC): 1913 total women, infants and children participated in the program.

See instrument # [2024-1430](#) for the complete 2023 Annual Report

Ms. Poe also presented a grant agreement with the State for the Court's consideration. The agreement is for the County to coordinate implementation and delivery of the My Future-My Choice Program with participating schools. The Program is a voluntary Oregon Department of Human Services middle school (6th Grade) sexual health curriculum which meets the OAR requirements to provide age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality education as an integral part of the health education curriculum. \$100,000 in funding is available; a .50 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) program coordinator would be needed. (Health Department staff will not be delivering the curriculum in the schools.) The Malheur Education Service District (ESD) is supportive of the program and believes that there are schools in the county that will opt-in to the program. Ms. Stricker noted that ESD was positive in one or possibly two schools being interested in the program and that the Health Department nurses would help however they could. The Court took the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) under advisement.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of May 8, 2024 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. Judge Joyce abstained as he was not present on May 8, 2024.

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2024 and April 24, 2024 as written. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GRANT AMENDMENT - ODA

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Grant Contract Amendment #1 between the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Malheur County, Grant # ODA-4525-GR. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment allows for reimbursements for expenditures of expenses incurred for the 2024 growing season for the Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket General Fund Allocation Grant Program. See instrument # [22024-1448](#)

LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES- RESOLUTION

County Counsel Stephanie Williams explained that the resolution updates Malheur County's Local Public Contracting Rules. The rules will be recorded and placed on the County website. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution R24-14: In the Matter of: Resolution Adopting Malheur County Local Public Contracting Rules, Exempting Certain Classes of Contracts; and Adopting Rules for Personal Service Contracts. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2024-1429](#)

GOODFELLOW BUILDING

Commissioner Mendiola asked for an update on the Goodfellow Building remodel project. Ms. DuBois explained the bid notice for the project was going out today and the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Commissioner Mendiola moved to accept the resignation of Health Department Director Sarah Poe. Judge Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Judge Joyce adjourned the meeting.