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Relationship of more than 25 years takes on a new form at Tuesday's game between Bonanza, Hosanna Christian coaches

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## MUNICIPAL UTILITY MEETING FALLOUT



H&N photos by Gerry O'Brien

**RIGHT:** A group crowds the doorway Monday, hoping for a resolution to the issue of a Klamath Falls MUD. The City Council hearing on the matter was postponed until Jan. 21, while officials search for a venue to accommodate all those who wish to participate.

**BELOW:** Klamath Falls City Mayor Todd Kellstrom addresses the crowd in the city council chambers Monday night, explaining that the city is in violation of building codes as 200 people packed into the basement.

## County charter almost ready

Petition will need 1,390 signatures by Feb. 19 to make the May ballot

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

Supporters of forming a Klamath County charter to hire a county administrator and reduce the duties of the three commissioners will start gathering signatures for the ballot measure on Dec. 30.

The measure is making its way through the process of getting on the May 2014 ballot. It was officially filed with the county on Dec. 16, according to a notice in Tuesday's Herald and News.

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## City seeks venue for MUD public hearing

Monday's crowd was among largest turnouts in 30 years

By **HOLLY DILLEMUTH**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

After members of city council chose to postpone a public hearing and vote on forming a municipal utility district (MUD), the city is searching for a large enough venue, where it won't need to turn people away at the Jan. 21 meeting.

The agenda item was held until Tuesday, Jan. 21 due to an overcrowded council chambers, which can legally only hold 150 people. More than 200 people showed up for Monday's public hearing.

City Manager Nathan Cherpeski said the city will advertise when a meeting place is found.

"What we're trying to do now is find a location," Cherpeski said. "I'm just kind of waiting."

"I figure we want to get it (the location) big enough so that we don't have to turn anyone away. Hopefully we'll get something solidified soon."

Cherpeski said the crowd on Monday was among the largest in attendance in about 30 years, with council chambers only crowded to capacity five times. Cher-



### How to comment

To send a comment regarding the proposed municipal utility district, go to: [ci.klamath-falls.or.us/contact-us](http://ci.klamath-falls.or.us/contact-us) and scroll to the window, "email us" to post your comment.

Or write to:

City of Klamath Falls  
 500 Klamath Avenue  
 Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

peski said the city didn't foresee needing the space for about 200 people, some of whom stood in the stairwell and outside City Hall.

"(Room for) 150 people is generally big enough," he said.

Cherpeski said the city encourages residents to voice their opinions on the MUD proposal in the meantime, either by calling City Hall or city councilors. Cherpeski said City Hall staff will help direct residents to their city councilor to express comments. He said if residents don't want to stand up and speak on the MUD issue at the Jan. 21 meeting, they also can send a written statement for the record.

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### How to email your city representative

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## Council OKs detox grant application

Bestcare Treatment building would provide 10 beds

By **HOLLY DILLEMUTH**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

A detoxification wing in the Klamath Basin is closer to receiving funding after Klamath Falls City Council met on Monday.

Council members approved an application for a \$1.5 million grant to buy the BestCare Treatment Services building for its future use. Councilors voted 3-1 in favor of an application for a Community Development Block Grant. Council President Matt Dodson voted no and Councilwoman Trish Seiler abstained from casting a vote.

If the city were to proceed with buying the BestCare Treatment Services building, 2555 Main St., it would provide space for 10 beds for patients in need of detox services. The residential program on Main Street has 30 beds.

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### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Senior Center teams with city to clear snow

The pair aims to create a service to shovel snow from the sidewalks and driveways of senior citizens in the Klamath Basin. Volunteers are being recruited now. See **page C1**.

#### New bike tour added for 'The Art of Survival'

The cycling trip planned for this spring will take riders around the Tule Lake Detention Center and the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge to learn more about the area, past and present. See **page A2**.

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