

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Crook County Court met in a Work Session on August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon. In attendance were: County Judge Seth Crawford; County Commissioner Jerry Brummer; Commissioner Brian Barney; County Counsel Eric Blaine; Assistant County Counsel John Eisler and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson.

Also in attendance in person and by WEBEX: Debbie Patterson, Juvenile Department; Kim Barber, Human Resources Director; Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Public Health Director; Wade Whiting, District Attorney; Cheryl Seely, County Clerk; Levi Roberts, County GIS Manager; Troy Poncin, IT Director; Shannon Dearth, Veterans Service Officer; Bill Zelenka; Randy Davis, Building Official; Ann Beier, Community Development Director; Josh Smith, City of Prineville, Casey Kiser, City of Prineville; Mike Warren, Realtor of Record and Janet Pritiskutch, Finance.

The media was advised of the Work Session.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Public Health Director Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown presented the weekly update with a total of 49 cases in the County with a recovery of 27 persons, and the monitoring of 24 persons. Presentation regarding additional school changes based on the matrix in the County.

Participant: Muriel De LaVergne-Brown; Court

#### **Property at Humane Society Location—Easement/ROW (MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

#### **Staff Salary Increase**

IT Director Troy Poncin presented information and paperwork to promote a member of his staff to an administrator position and explained the increase in pay.

Participants: Troy Poncin; Court

#### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Barney moved and Commissioner Brummer seconded to approve the promotion and increase in salary. Vote was 2-0, motion carried.

#### **Building Department Staffing**

Ms. Beier reported that Jeremy Thamert position has changed from the Building Department to Facilities Manager, and is in the process of filling the position and requests authorization to hire another. The funding is available in the budget. Randy Davis explained the open position and the second soon to be open position due to retirement, and a recent third position. He explained the workload, and the need for additional employees in his department due to ongoing development with data centers, the number of people required to complete the inspections of the immense data center buildings.

Mr. Davis presented information on the responsibilities involved in residential and commercial building inspections. He noted the large remodels currently ongoing and a new building that will require many inspections, and he mentioned the additional revenue this will bring to the County. The consensus of the Court is that the need has been proven and funding for the positions is available. Paperwork will be completed and brought before the Court at the next meeting to move forward with approval and hiring. Participants: Ann Beier, Planning Director; Randy Davis, Building Official; Court; Legal Counsel

Judge Crawford took the Court into Executive Session under ORS192.660(2)(e) For the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 192.66092)(h) Consulting with Counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **ORS192.660(2)(e)**

Discussion held regarding the industrial zoned area requiring additional footage to create a right of way. Participants: Josh Smith, City of Prineville; Casey Kiser, City of Prineville; Court; Legal; Bill Zelenka, HSO; Rebecca Ott, HSO.

### **#2**

Discussion regarding an expired amendment to an existing lease and negotiations regarding the renewal. Participants: Court; Legal Counsel

### **#3**

Discussion regarding County's Real Estate Agent of Record contacting the Court regarding available property for sale that may be of interest to the County Court. Participants: Mike Warren; Court

### **ORS 192.66092)(h)**

Discussion regarding a constituent versus the County Clerk regarding a ballot position to move state boundaries.

Participants: Court; County Clerk Cheryl Seely; Legal Counsel

Following the discussions held in Executive Session, Judge Crawford took the Court out of Executive Session and into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

## **OPEN WORK SESSION:**

### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Brummer moved to direct staff to correspond with the counter party as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding road right of ways and set backs.

10:10 a.m.

Judge Crawford adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson, Crook County Court Secretary.