

**Crook County Court Work Session
October 6, 2020**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Crook County Court held a regularly scheduled Work Session on October 6, 2020 at 11:30. The meeting was held at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR. County Court members and Legal staff were in attendance. Members of the public were in attendance in person and by Webex Virtual meeting. Staff and public were present in person and via Webex.

COVID-19 Update

Public Health Director Muriel DeLavernne-Brown presented an update on the COVID-19 cases. There have been 64 cases with 3 hospitalized. Crook County has assisted Linn County with 3 investigations and contact tracing. The new Binax testing is available. At the briefing, this was explained as a rapid test and good for systematic people. Mosaic Medical can use these at their drive through behind the clinic. There will be a drive through at the Fairgrounds this weekend and Mosaic may do Binax testing. There are 4 active cases and there are 4 people monitoring contacts at this time.

Ms. DeLavernne-Brown announced the Health Department Employee of the Quarter, Kat Alvarado Rose. She has worked tirelessly on the COVID program.

City's Easement request/ROW and Relocation of Humane Society Building (Shelter)

Former County Planning Director and Humane Society Board Member Bill Zelenka presented an overview of the history of the Humane Society of the Ochocos, the formation by two local ladies, the property provided by the County and the subsequent partitioning that created a 60 foot Right of Way from the other sections of the partitioning. The original building and the building still used today was put together haphazard and it now handling 1000 animals per year. This is a non-profit organization, and the building is deteriorating. Facebook and other contractors have assisted keeping the shelter building together over the years. A grant received from Facebook paid for a plan from Shelter Plans of America that would replace the current facility, and currently fundraising is being done to complete the planned upgrade. The space and expansion area were presented.

A few years ago there was talk by the City of the need for an expansion of the Right of Way from 60 feet to 80 feet to access the available property for development, and this discussion had included another portion of property to be provided by the County. The discussion stalled for several years and is now being discussed again along with the plans that have been put in place for the location of the new facility for the shelter. There has been discussion also regarding the relocation needs of the shelter that would be required if the 20 additional feet were to be put in place for the Right of Way.

Discussion was held on the expansion of the Right of Way and the effects on the proposed Shelter facility, the waterline, fencing and excavation work that would be required, timelines and costs. Heather O'Daniel, Shelter Director, provided the specific information regarding the relocation needs from the City of Prineville and Crook County. Crook County would provide additional property to the north of the present site of the Shelter. Commissioner Barney said he wants to make sure the City and the Shelter work together on the excavation, fencing, underground sprinklers and access roads.

Josh Smith and Casey Kaiser, City of Prineville, provided a possible plan of the City's responsibilities, timeline, assistance that would be provided, and costs that may be involved. Today's information will be taken back to City of Prineville Manager Steve Forrester, and then on to the City Council. This would be a combined project of City, County and Humane Society of the Ochocos.

Ochoco Ranger Station Road—Commitment to match Federal Funds

County Roadmaster Bob O'Neal presented information on a FLAP Grant, Western Federal Lands Grant and the amount of the grant allowed for the County and Forest Service and an additional amount to be committed from the County that would take the project up to Walton Lake or Big Summit Prairie. This would be an overlay, and the additional ask on the project would be \$52,771. Discussion held on the scoping meeting on site and the scoping of the project, road construction requirements, the timeframe for the project and the time of 10 years before another chip seal would be done, and the length of the project of 8.6 miles with 2-inch overlay. Once the notice to proceed is issued, it will probably take one year to get all plans in place.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brummer moved to allocate the additional \$52,771 difference on the FLAP grant for the 2- inch overlay for 8.6 miles on the Ochoco Ranger Station Road. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

The Executive Session for today was cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.