

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 15, 2020 WORK SESSION
(Open Portion)**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on December 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Court Members Present: Judge Seth Crawford (via Webex), Commissioner Jerry Brummer, and Commissioner Brian Barney.

Others Present in Person or Via WebEx: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistants Jennifer Orozco and Amy Albert; Regina Paul Paralegal- County Counsel; Sheriff John Gautney, Muriel DeLaVergne Brown, Kim Herber, Extension Office; IT Director Troy Poncin; and Clerk Cheryl Seely.

WORK SESSION

The meeting was **called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

ADDITIONS/REMOVALS TO AGENDA: None

Discussion item #1, COVID-19 Update: Per Muriel DeLaVergne Brown, the highest rate for new cases on one day for Crook County has been 20. The sources of these new cases are varied from business, restaurants, and family gatherings. It is challenging to say for certain where a confirmed case originated. Vickie Ryan is attempting to put a spread sheet together with State data. For the 2 weeks ending on 11/28/20, there were 64 new cases in Crook County. Two weeks after that, there were 96 cases, and 2 weeks after that there were 119 cases. Going into the Christmas season, the magic number for Crook County to stay out of the Extreme Risk category is 60. There will soon be an update section on the Health Dept webpage that will give information on Crook County's status. Education about the vaccine is a priority. There must be a comfort level with accepting the vaccine for Crook County to achieve 70% vaccination rate, which would enable herd immunity. There are 2 vaccines that will be available in Oregon, Moderna and Pfizer. Moderna will be given to mostly EMS/Law enforcement, ICU staff, and others that deal with volumes of people. Pfizer vaccines will be available to other groups of people. The vaccines will be given to small groups at a time in order to mitigate the possible effects of side effects on any one place of business. The most prevalent side effects are soreness, fatigue, and fever.

Discussion item #2 re Brasada Ranch Overnight Units Bond: Brasada Ranch requests is to submit a bond to temporarily exceed the 2½ to 1 ration for overnight units. Brasada Ranch developers would like to submit a bond as surety that they will return to the correct ratio of overnight units. If the units built do not return to the correct ratio, the bond would allow Crook County to either collect the money and build the units, or to instruct the bond company to build the units. The general consensus is that allowing Brasada Ranch to go around the rules may set a precedence for another destination

resort to ask for the exception, and the County cannot approve an action that excuses performance of state statute. John will research the fine technicalities of the law and return with the information.

Discussion item #3 re Foreclosed Property on 12th Street: The County foreclosed on property on 12th Street that needs extensive clean up. The home is not salvageable. The lot is in a flood zone / wetland with a creek running through it. The cost for cleanup would be about \$25,000. A Sheriff's auction will be held and if it does not sell, next steps will be discussed at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was opened at 9:32am under ORS 192.660(2)(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.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Court reconvened back into public session.

There being no further business, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:35am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Orozco