

Crook County Court  
Work Session  
November 17, 2020

The Crook County Court met in a Work Session on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Admin Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon. In attendance: Crook County Court Members and Staff; County Counsel Eric Blaine and Staff; Department Heads, Sheriff's Department and members of the public.

Judge Crawford opened the Work Session at 9:00 a.m.

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

Public Health Director Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown presented an update on the COVID-19 virus in the County. As of today, 168 cases reported with 12 active cases as of Monday, and 34 contacts monitored at this time. Of 168 cases, 39 have come from unknown sources. New executive orders from the Governor were discussed.

Information was provided on the recent drive-through vaccine clinic held on November 14, 2020 at the County Fairgrounds. The Health Dept. provided 200 flu vaccines were provided and Mosaic Medical performed 20 COVID tests.

Dr. Doug Grudz provided additional information on the estimates of manpower and staffing needed for the next two years on COVID care and transfers to Bend St. Charles. He advised the Court that the vaccine will not be a cure but will keep people from getting as sick. If an antiviral is developed it will only shorten the length of the illness, and the virus may still be a problem up to 4 years. Dr. Grudz advised the Court of all of the COVID cases being hospitalized in Bend and the County resources used for transfer of patients to Bend.

#### **OSHA COVID Workplace Rule Deadlines**

County Counsel Eric Blaine and Ms. DeLaVergne-Brown discussed the OSHA rules that went into effect on the November 16, 2020. There are tight deadlines with information due to the State by December 7. Mr. Blaine explained the risk disclosure to be filled out and questions answered by County Departments. Also due December 7 is an infection control plan. Ms. DeLaVergne-Brown has a 66-page approved infection control plan that she put in place 6 years ago. Discussion was held on the process for obtaining all the information required by OSHA, compiling the data for submission and a lot of work to be completed in a short amount of time that will be a huge drain on staff time. HR and IT will work together on a Power Point and questionnaire to go out to all employees and to be completed on-line. Discussion was held regarding this applying to government, and the question was asked if this was required by the state government as well. Forms for the risk assessment have been included in the paperwork from the Public Health Department, and each department head should do this for employees most at risk.

County Library Director April Witteveen discussed the State's two-week 'pause' plan with the Court, and asked questions regarding Library services during this time. After several options were reviewed, the

decision was to go forward per State Guidelines for two weeks, and then come back to meet with the Court regarding the continuing operations of the Library. Dr. Grudz said the expectation is expected to spike over the Thanksgiving and Christmas season and to not expect cases to decline.

Commissioner Barney brought the discussion back to the OSHA data request. Mr. Blaine said the assessments will go to department heads for implementation. Employee training is due by the 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion held regarding use of a Survey Monkey being the easiest way to obtain the needed information. The Court discussed the department and staff person that will be making sure all the required processes are completed.

Following the discussions in Open Work Session, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court into Executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

**10:18 a.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Discussion regarding an agreement regarding the right of way property footage exchanges involving three entities.

Following the discussions, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court out of Executive Session and into Open Work Session.

**OPEN WORK SESSION**

No decisions to come from the discussion in the Executive Session.

Judge Crawford adjourned the Work Session at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson  
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