

Crook County Court Work Session November 10, 2020

The Crook County Court met in a Work Session on November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Admin Conference Room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon. In attendance were all members of the County Court and staff, Legal Counsels and members of the public. Meeting was held in person and virtually.

COVID-19 Update

Public Health Director Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown provided the weekly COVID-19 update. As of November 9th, Crook County has had 141 cases with 18 active cases in isolation plus 5 more today. There has been 5 COVID deaths. Hospital capacity report: 19 patients in St. Charles in Bend, does not have figures of number of ICU persons. Report of the state "Pause" criteria. If 30 or more reported weekly, the County could be put on the pause list that would reduce the number of people allowed at gatherings and could affect the schools as well. The County is not far from that at this time.

Judge Crawford reported on a video being made to be released soon that has members of the business community speaking to the public about practicing the safe methods such as wearing masks in the businesses, using hand sanitizers, and staying safe so the businesses will not be closed down. Discussion held on those doing the video, government regulations, peers paying attention to the businesses asking for help, and local outbreaks in some of the local bars. Judge Crawford and Ms. DeLaVergne-Brown said the outbreaks have come from personal gatherings, and that the businesses should not be punished for those.

There were 988 cases in one day in the State of Oregon recently.

The Health Department Staff is working all weekends as well as during the week. Schedules are being worked out to relieve some of the stress on the employees. Information provided on the CARES ACT funding that will end the last of December and has been used to pay for all the additional staff time.

Questions?? County Assessor Jon Soliz asked where the video would be released. It will be on Facebook pages, web pages, from the businesses. This will be coming from the public, not coming from the government. Mike Warren suggested that the video be put out on all business sites. St. Charles is thinking of having a town hall virtually to provide additional information.

Reserve Funds regarding the Crook County RV Park operated by the Crook County Parks and Recreation District (CCPRD)

Duane Garner, Director of CCPRD, discussed with the Court a large project that he had received a grant for in 2018. The project costs are going to overrun the amount of the grant. Mr. Garner presented the figures for the project that would mainly involve replacement of the electrical system in the 81 space RV Park and asphalt for repair after the trenching. Discussion was held regarding returning the grant money, reapplying and in the meantime building up the reserve funds. Mr. Garner advised the Court

that he has received bids and quotes and has also put in hundreds of his own hours in on this project. If he returns the grant funds and this project is put out for another grant, he is asking for support of the County to assist with the grant writing, put out for a general contractor and take charge of the project. This type of grant is actually for Counties. It did allow for Mr. Garner to sign when he applied for the grant that was received in 2018. The RV Park is a County capital asset, and the CCPRD takes care of the day to day operations, maintenance and improvements. Discussion was held on the pros and cons, the plans of moving forward or scraping the project before it starts at this time. Once this type of project begins, it must be finished due to the trenching, the closure of the RV Park for months, and the necessity of the completion before the RV park can be operational again. If the grant is put out again with higher figures, it will be 2 to 3 years, before the award, the plans and procurements, and project completion. Commissioner Brummer commented on the length of time between the award and the planned project start that ended up with higher costs. Commissioner Barney's request was for more details and exact bids with costs locked in. Judge Crawford suggested going back to back to the drawing board.

Mr. Garner will provide all documents to the County. He will go to help present the project for an award but does want one of the Court members to represent the County, and for the process of going out to bid.

Following the completions of 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 and ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Discussion regarding a request to purchase a piece of County owned property. Realtor of Record Mike Warren presenting.

ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Discussion regarding Fairgrounds facility.

Following the discussions, Judge Crawford adjourned the Executive Session and convened the Court into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

OPEN SESSION

Two motions are required regarding the two discussions in Executive Session.

ORS 192.660(2)(e)

MOTION:

Commissioner Brummer moved, and Commissioner Barney seconded to direct Realtor of Record Mike Warren to confer to the Counterparty as discussed in executive Session. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

ORS 192.660(2)(f)

MOTION:

Commissioner Barney moved to convene into a discussion regarding this matter at a future meeting as no decision was made; this was an update only. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

There being no further business before the Court at this time, Judge Crawford adjourned the Work Session at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson, Crook County Secretary