

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF MARCH 9, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on March 9, 2021, 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, Commissioner Jerry Brummer and Commissioner Brian Barney

Absentees: None

Others Present in Person or Via WebEx: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistant Amy Albert; Paralegal Regina Paul; Deputy Director Katie Plumb; Facilities Manager Jeremy Thamert; Road Master Bob O'Neal; Community Development Director Ann Beier; Program Lead Heather Stuart; Health Educator II Nadia LeMay; Administrative Executive Assistant Stephanie Wilson; Under Sheriff James Savage; IT Director Troy Poncin; Clerk Cheryl Seely; Library Aide Cindy York; Manager Kim Herber; Human Resource Director Kim Barber; District Attorney Wade Whiting; Treasurer Galen Carter; Natural Resources Tim Deboodt; Permit Technician Jennifer Orozco; Library Director April Witteveen; Eric Klann; Marvin Sumner; Carolee Kirkelie; Kevin Spencer; Christine Kurtz; Casey Kaiser; Kathy Nathan; Larry Nathan; Matt Smith and Dennis Teitzle.

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

Agenda Item #1, Covid-19 Update: Katie Plumb, Deputy Director of the Health Department presented the Court with the County's Covid-19 update. Beginning Friday, Crook County will be moving into the low-risk category. The Health Department will be issuing a press release today informing the community of the regulations associated with low-risk category and providing an update on Covid-19 vaccinations within the County.

Agenda Item #2, Oregon Tobacco and Alcohol Legislative Update: Program Lead Heather Stuart and Health Educator II Nadia LeMay spoke of upcoming Oregon tobacco and alcohol legislature and the potential affects this legislature could have on the State.

Agenda Item #3, Ochoco Creek Park Basketball Court Upgrade Proposal: Marvin Sumner discussed remodeling the Ochoco Creek basketball courts into a sports court. Mr. Sumner has spoken to Parks and Rec and the City Counsel about cost and expected longevity of the court. Mr. Sumner has meet with contractors and received estimates for the basketball court and required equipment, such as basketball hoops. Mr. Sumner asked to Court to contribute \$2,500.00 to the basketball court renovation, the Court felt this is a worthwhile cause and will be contributing to the upgrade.

Agenda Item #4, BLM Road Accessing Powell Butte: Kevin Spencer addressed the Court regarding finding a solution for accessing property by way of a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) road. Mr. Spencer currently submits applications to the BLM to access the road whenever a tower needs to be accessed. Mr. Spencer, Community Development Director Ann Beier and Dennis Teitzle from the BLM will meet to discuss options for Mr. Spencer to gain use of the road without the need to submit an application and await approval from the BLM.

Agenda Item #5, Majestic Road Variance: Carolee Kirkelie, Kathy Nathan and Larry Nathan appeared before the Court regarding a road variance. The parties are asking the Court to grant a twenty-foot road variance as opposed to the standard twenty-four-foot variance. Community Development Director Ann Beier and County Counsel will work together in determining if an exception should be made and for what reason. This matter will be revisited at a future Work Session.

Agenda Item #6, Janitorial Services: This matter was pulled from the agenda.

Agenda Item #7, Facilities – Vehicle Purchas: Facilities Manager Jeremy Thamert presented the Court with three vehicle price quotes. The best quote being from Gary Gruner for a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado at a price of \$26,016.40. The Facilities Department has the budget for a new vehicle.

MOTION to accept the Gary Gruner vehicle quote as reflecting the best value to the County. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Addition: Under Sheriff James Savage and Executive Administrative Assistant Stephanie Wilson asked for the Court's input regarding how the County would like to proceed when deputies retire but continue to work for the Sheriff's Department due to Senate Bill 1049. Senate Bill 1049 now requires the County to pay twenty-four and a half percent of a deputy's wages to the State if the deputy continues to be employed through the Sheriff's Office. The County will need to either contribute twenty-four and a half percent along with paying the retired deputies wages for their continued employment or invest the time and money to employ a new deputy. The County will revisit this matter at a later date.

Addition: Judge Crawford informed the Court he has been in contact with Wheelhouse Services, LLC, a marketing consultant firm regarding the Justice Center Bond. A contract from Wheelhouse Services, LLC will be sent to County Counsel and after their review and approval the matter will be added to a regular County Court meeting.

At 11:20 a.m. the Court read into Executive Session under the following statute(s): ORS 192.660(2)(e) For the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the County Court convened back into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

MOTION to direct staff to correspond with counter party as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0. There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 11:31 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert