

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF MARCH 16, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on March 16, 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; Clerk Cheryl Seely; Deputy Director Katie Plumb; Accounting Manager Janet Pristiskutch; Facilities Manager Jeremy Thamert; Road Maser Bob O'Neal; Under Sheriff James Savage; Natural Resources Tim Deboodt; IT Director Troy Poncin; HR Director Kim Barber; Steve Forrester; Eric Klann and Casey Thomas.

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

ADDITIONS/REMOVALS: None

Agenda Item #1, Covid-19 Update: Health Department Deputy Director Katie Plumb updated the Court on the Covid-19 vaccination clinic. Next week there will be thirty National Guard members volunteering at the vaccination clinic. On Monday's members of the Health Department go to the homes of community members who are home bound so they can receive Covid-19 vaccinations.

Agenda Item #2, Biomass Project: Steve Forrester and Eric Klann presented the Court with a 20-magawatt Biomass Power Plant project the City of Prineville has been working on and suggested the City and County work together moving forward. Mr. Klann discussed how the Biomass Project will contribute to the economy. The City of Prineville has secured two grants for this project but is still in need of funding for promotional purposes and requested the County match the City's contribution of \$25,000.

Agenda Item #3, Buck Creek Road at GI Ranch: Currently the GI Ranch renews the Buck Creek Road contract with the County every five years, the contract was renewed in June of 2020. The GI Ranch has sold a portion of the ranch affecting 5.1 miles of the Buck Creek Road. Casey Thomas requested the Buck Creek Road contract be amended to include the new owner. Eric Blaine will work with Mr. Thomas and the new owner of the sold portion of the GI Ranch in amending the current contract.

Agenda Item #4, Update on Legislative Bills: Clerk Cheryl Seely gave a brief update to the Court on new and proposed legislative bills that are affecting the County.

Agenda Item #5, Finalize OpenGov Template: Accounting Manager Janet Pristiskutch previewed the OpenGov budgeting template to the Court. Ms. Pristiskutch will be making finishing touches to the budgeting template, with the assistance of individual departments before it is available for the public to view.

Agenda Item #6, Facilities – Vehicle Purchas: Facilities Manager Jeremy Thamert had requested the Court approve the purchase of a Chevrolet vehicle at the March 9, 2021 Work Session but due to the vehicle being unavailable Mr. Thamert was unable to obtain this vehicle and request the Court approve the purchase of a 2021 F-150 Ford Pickup Truck.

MOTION to award the contract to Roberson as presenting the best value to the County. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:00 a.m. the Court read into Executive Session under the following statute(s): 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 County Court convened back into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 11:12 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert