

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF APRIL 20, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on April 20, 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; Deputy Director Katie Plumb; Community Development Director Ann Beier; Code Compliance Officer Louis Seals; Project Manager Lori Furlong; Librarian April Witteveen; IT Director Troy Poncin; Sheriff John Gautney and Natural Resources Policy Coordinator Tim Deboodt.

WORK SESSION

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 provided the Court with a Covid-19 update. The County will move into the High-Risk Category Friday, April 23, 2021. The Health Department issued a press release yesterday regarding later hours for the vaccination clinic beginning next week. The Health Department received one-thousand extra doses of the Pfizer vaccine to be distributed throughout the community.

Agenda Item #2, Using a Hearings Officer for Code Compliance Cases: Code Compliance Officer Louis Seals approached the Court regarding using a hearings officer for code compliance cases. Currently compliance issues are referred to the Circuit Court but at this time these cases are a low priority, and the Circuit Court is backlogged due to Covid-19 restrictions. Many other Counties use a hearings officer as a first step in hopes of bringing cases into compliance before having to refer them to Circuit Court. In most cases this process has been successful at keeping many cases out of Circuit Court. Moving forward John Eisler will make draft changes to the County Code and bring them back before a Work Session for discussion.

Agenda Item #3, Millican Laydown Yard Status: John Eisler discussed the Staging Area Lease Agreement between Cupertino Electric Inc. and the County, specifically paragraph three, sections D and E. The concern is how the land should be vacated, to make this determination members of the Court will visit the site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Scheduled

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 9:36 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert