

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF MAY 25, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on May 25, 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; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Natural Resources Tim Deboodt; Director Kim Barber; Manager Kim Herber; Director Troy Poncin; Manager Jeff Merwin; Librarian April Witteveen; Senior Accountant Christine Kurtz; Treasurer Galen Carter; Sheriff John Gautney, Assistant Wendy Koslowski and Bruce Scanlon.

WORK SESSION

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

Agenda Item #1. Covid-19 Update: Health Department Deputy Director Katie Plumb provided the Court with a Covid-19 update. Cases are beginning to decrease but hospitals are still at capacity with patients in the ICU. The Health Department will be scheduling mobile pop-up clinics for the Spanish speaking community, as well as those located in Post, Paulina and Powell Butte.

Agenda Item #2, Water Issues Bowman Dam: Natural Resources Director Tim Deboodt discussed water issues at the Bowman Dam affecting Crook County. Mr. Deboodt has been receiving calls from concerned community members regarding how their water rights maybe affected due to already low water levels and US Fish and Wildlife applying for maximum storage capacity of water ways to ensure water released into the rivers will flow into Lake Billy Chinook. At this time Mr. Deboodt will monitor weekly correspondence from the Water Resource Department and inform the Court if there is anything to be done.

At 10:03 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 and ORS 192.660(2)(e) For the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION to direct staff to correspond with counter party as discussed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0. There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:41 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert