

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF AUGUST 17, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on August 17, 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; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Account Manager Janet Pritiskutch; Director Will VanVactor; Manager Brent Bybee; Road Master Bob O'Neal; Director Kim Barber; Manager Tim Deboodt; Treasurer Galan Carter; Manager Levi Roberts and Senior Accountant Christine Kurtz.

WORK SESSION

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

Agenda Item #1, T Mobile Site (PO02342A): Removed from the agenda.

Agenda Item #2, Review ARPA Fund Uses and Requirements: Account Manager Janet Pritiskutch discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds with the Court. The funds must be designated by the end of 2024 but do not have to be spent until 2026, giving the County time to make determinations as to how the funds will be expended. The funds may only be spent according to regulations put forth by the government. Ms. Pritiskutch discussed mandatory reporting requirements for the funds once they are received.

Agenda Item #3, Review Meal Per Diem: Account Manager Janet Pritiskutch requested the Courts input on whether the meal per diem for County employees should be increased. The meal per diem was increased in 2018 to \$42 per day however, some employees, especially those travelling outside of Oregon, are finding that \$42 is not sufficient. The Court will review the daily meal per diem amount and adjust accordingly for out of state travel.

Agenda Item #4, Legislative Update re Accessory Dwelling Units and Wildfire Risk Mapping: Will VanVactor and Brent Bybee of Community Development appeared before the Court to discuss two Senate Bills passed by the Oregon Legislature that may impact land use planning and policies in Crook County. Senate Bill 391 authorizes the County to permit accessory dwelling units in rural residential areas, though certain requirements must be met. Senate Bill 762 will require the Oregon Department of Land Conservation to update the state land use planning program, local comprehensive plan and zoning codes needed to minimize wildfire risks. Both Senate Bills will be reviewed by the County Planning Commission before the County Court makes any decisions.

At 10:03 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.

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 authorize Judge Crawford to correspond with the counter parties as discussed in the executive session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION to authorize Commissioner Brummer to correspond with the counter parties as discussed in the executive session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0. There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert