

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a Regular Court meeting on February 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the County meeting room located at 320 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 Assistants Amy Albert; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Assessor Jon Soliz; Manager Tim Deboodt; Clerk Cheryl Seely; Human Resources Keity Crimson; Manager Brent Bybee; Director Will VanVactor; Peter Watts; Bob Morrissey; Ann Biere; Matt Canham; Matt McCaw; Mike McCarter; Carol Benkosky; Bill Jordan; Steve Mote; Matt Ropp; Monty Kurtz and Stan Hartung.

REGULAR SESSION

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

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with these changes, item number six approval of the 401K amendment will be removed. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Appearances / Item #7: Carol Benkosky is working with the Rotary Club to host a spring and fall cleanup of Ochoco Creek Park and is asking the County to pay the tipping fees at the landfill. This is a biannual event Ms. Benkosky organizes and the County pays the landfill costs for.

MOTION to waive dump fees for Ochoco Creek Park cleanup. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Appearances / Item #8: Crook County Assessor Jon Soliz requested the County Court appoint him to the Crook County Foundation.

MOTION to appoint Jon Soliz to the Crook County Foundation. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #9: Clerk Cheryl Seely informed the Court two petitions have been submitted regarding the Greater Idaho Movement. Both petitions are legislative in nature and have been approved for the ballot. The next steps for the individuals that submitted the petitions would be to gather signatures and submit them to the Clerk's Office.

Matt McCaw, a member of the Greater Idaho Movement, requested the Court submit an advisory question to the May ballot. The Court explained to Mr. McCaw at this time they are not willing to submit an advisory question due to the potential financial risk it could pose to the County.

Representative Vikki Breese Iverson submitted an advisory question to the Attorney General; however, the Attorney General has not ruled on the legality of the question.

Mr. McCaw stressed the fact that he wants the County Court to interpret any question on the ballot regarding the Greater Idaho Movement as members of the County voting to be part of Idaho. Members of the Greater Idaho Movement are not wanting to invest time or money into this endeavor if the County Court will not support this movement on a legislative level. The County Court is encouraging members of the Greater Idaho Movement to gather the needed signatures for the ballot, and they will revisit this matter after the election.

Discussion item #10: This is the second reading of Ordinance 327 – Noxious Weed List. A Public Hearing was opened. Receiving no comment from the public the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION to read by title only. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION to approve Ordinance 327 regarding the noxious week list. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #11: This is the first and only reading of Ordinance 328 Goal Five PAPA. It was determined this would be the only reading since the County held several hearings regarding this matter. A Public Hearing was opened. Mike Erwin asked what PAPA stands for. County Counsel John Eisler responded it stands for post acknowledgement plan amendment. Matt Ropp from Knife River asked if any recent modifications had been made to the Ordinance. Mr. Eisler responded no changes have been made in the past seven days. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION to read by title only. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION to pass Ordinance 328. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #12: This is the first reading of Ordinance 329 – Destination Resort Overnight Lodging Unit Bonding. Ordinance 329 would address unusual circumstances, such as the current epidemic, destination resorts may face in the bonding process. This matter has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. A second reading will be held February 16, 2022. A Public Hearing was opened. Receiving no comment from the public the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 329. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #13: Order 2022-05 is for the amendment of the County fee schedule. A Public Hearing was opened. Receiving no comment from the public the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION to approve Order 2022-05 County Fee Schedule. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #14: The Crook County Historical Society contracted with Steele for the exhibit center the Museum will be building.

MOTION to approve AIA document B101-2017 contract between Steele and Crook County. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #15: County Court was presented with the purchase agreement for the Justice Center site. The purchase agreement contains the same terms as the lease agreement.

MOTION to approve purchase of the Lynch property for the Justice Center. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Scheduled

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:04 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert