

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on February, 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; Director Dodge Kerr; Road Master Bob O'Neal; Shop Superintendent James Staniford; Budget Analyst Jamie Berger; Mike Ervin and Caroline Ervin.

WORK SESSION

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

Agenda Item #1, ARPA Funds: Caroline Ervin the Capital Project Manager for the City of Prineville attended the Work Session to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Ms. Ervine discussed how the money can be spent and when the money must be spent. The County will be required to prepare and submit a yearly audit regarding the ARPA funds.

Agenda Item #2, Natural Advisory Committee's Proposed Letter re HR 1755: The Natural Resources Advisory Committee provided a letter to County Court for their signature in opposition to HR 1755. The passing of this bill would affect twenty-three million acres of wilderness in the Western United States. County Court is in support of the letter with a few corrections.

MOTION to letter regarding Bill 1755 with corrections to be signed outside of Court. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item #3, Increase in County Match for the Ochoco Ranger Station Road Project: Road Master Bob O'Neal received correspondence from Craig Sanders stating the overlay cost to the Ochoco Ranger Station has increased. The County needs to contribute a 10% match for this project, the estimated match cost is \$424,277.12. The County will be reimbursed for any unused funds.

MOTION to confirm County can provide matching funds for overlay to Ochoco Ranger Station. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:25 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, ORS 192.660(2)(e) For the

purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) was continued until 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Barney was absent from this 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 delegate Judge Crawford to sign the closing documents as discussed in executive session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 2-0. There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 11:28 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert