

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF JANUARY 31, 2023 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on January 31, 2023, 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 Sarah Puerner; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Assistant Finance Director Christina Haron; Budget Analyst Jamie Berger; Director Kim Barber; Manager Kim Herber; Weed Master Kev Alexanian; Library Co-Managers Cindy York and Sean Briscoe; Road Master Bob O'Neal; Shop Superintendent James Staniford; Sheriff John Gautney; Chief Administrative Deputy Stephanie Wilson; Commander Bill Elliott; Museum Director Sandor Cohen; Andy Parks; Manager Tim Deboodt; Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb, and members of the Press.

WORK SESSION

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

Agenda Item #1, Public Comment: None

Agenda Item #2, Ag Extension Service District Advisory Board Recommendation:

Requester: Kim Herber

Details: Extension Manager Kim Herber presented that the Ag Extension Service District Advisory Board has a few positions available to fill and the board recommends Ryan Kingsbury for appointment for one of these positions. The board highly recommends Mr. Kingsbury as he is a strong representative on behalf of the Post Paulina area. An Order will be drafted and presented at the February 1st County Court Meeting.

Agenda Item #3, Museum Tax Levy:

Requester: Sandor Cohen

Details: Museum Director Sandor Cohen attended the work session and discussed the Museum Local Option Levy. This was previously rejected by voters in the November 2022 election. The Museum is asking for a continuance of the current tax for the May election. If the local option levy is passed in the May election, the Museum will continue with its current level of funding for the next five years. If the levy fails, the museum will fall well below its current level of funding and the budget will be heavily impacted starting July 1, 2023.

Agenda Item #4, Subcontract with Crook County School District for Prevention at CCHS:

Requester: Katie Plumb

Details: Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb attended the work session to present a subcontract with Crook County School District for Prevention at CCHS. Due to staff vacancy and additional ARPA funds received from Oregon Health Authority via Program Element 6 (Alcohol and Drug Prevention & Education Program), the Crook County Health Department is working with the Crook County School District to fiscally support the time of one High School Administrator School Culture, Safety and Prevention Coordinator.

Agenda Item #5, Providence Health Plan Amendment:

Requester: Katie Plumb

Details: Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb attended the work session and presented a Providence Health Plan Amendment. This contract amends to include the Providence Commercial Line of Business.

Agenda Item #6, Fee Waiver/Reduction for Public Records Request:

Requester: John Eisler

Details: Legal Counsel John Eisler presented that a reporter for the Bend Bulletin has submitted a public records request regarding records of calls for emergency services to the Juniper Acres subdivision.

MOTION that the county will waive the fee of the requester for the number of law enforcement calls made within the timeframe in the Juniper Acres subdivision, but the county has not found that the requester has met his burden to establish that the public interest requires a fee waiver if requester is looking for individual records. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item #7, Department Presentations:

Requester: Andy Parks

Details: Andy Parks and Budget Analyst Jamie Berger helped Department Heads organize mid-year budget presentations. The work session included presentations from Katie Plumb with the Health Department; Kim Barber from Human Resources; Sean Briscoe and Cindy York from the Library; Sandor Cohen from the Museum; Kim Herber from OSU Extension; Bob O'Neal with the Road Department; Stephanie Wilson from the Sheriff's Office; and Kev Alexanian from the Weed Department. Representatives from these departments discussed their department summary, projects completed as planned, projects currently in progress, projects to be started before June 30th, projects for the next fiscal year, any changes in their department from the last year, any upcoming challenges, and general department highlights.

At 11:08 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.

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 the counter party 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 11:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner