

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF MARCH 1, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a Regular Court meeting on March 1, 2023, 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 Assistant Sarah Puerner; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Assistant Finance Director Christina Haron; Senior Accountant Cheyenne Fullerton; Commander Bill Elliott; Budget Analyst Jamie Berger; Library Co-Manager Cindy York; Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb; Director Will VanVactor; Sheriff John Gautney; Assessor Jon Soliz; Tim Deboodt; Andy Parks; Carol Benkosky and members of the public.

REGULAR SESSION

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

Public Comment:

Carol Benkosky wanted to thank the court for their support of the two-to five-year-old playground area. Between the County and the City, they were able to get over 50% of the funds necessary.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #12: Request to waive tipping fees at the Landfill for the Ochoco Creek Clean-Up

Requester: Carol Benkosky

Details: Carol Benkosky attended the court session on behalf of the Rotary Club to request that the County Court waive the tipping fees at the Landfill for the Ochoco Creek Clean-up. Republic Services has agreed to provide the dumpster and transportation of the trash to the Landfill.

MOTION to waive the tipping fees at the Landfill for this clean-up day on Ochoco Creek and will backfill out of a previous fund. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #13: Order 2023-12 Potential Amendment to County's Destination Resort Overlay Map

Requester: Will VanVactor

Details: Will VanVactor attended the court session to discuss Order 2023-12 Potential Amendment to County's Destination Resort Overlay Map. In 2008 Crook County passed an Ordinance to eliminate the chance of any additional destination resorts in Crook County by removing all land without existing destination resort approval from the County's Destination Resort Overlay map. At the time of the Ordinance, one property's approval (Crossing Trails) was tied up in litigation; the Ordinance stated that if and when Crossing Trails lost its approval, it would be removed from the DRO. Crossing Trails' final extension expired and it has now lost approval. The first step is for the County to remove the property underlying the Crossing Trails application from the DRO. This Order requests a report and recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the DRO change. This also gives the Planning Commission 60 days from the date of the Order to provide the Court with its report.

MOTION to pass Order 2023-12 in the matter of initiating a potential amendment to Crook County's Destination Resort Overlay Map. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #14: County input to BLM Programmatic Solar NEPA for 11 western States

Requester: Tim Deboodt

Details: Tim Deboodt attended the court session to discuss the County's input for the BLM Programmatic Solar NEPA for 11 western States. The BLM is looking to expand its Programmatic Solar NEPA to include the State of Oregon and implications locally include impacts on wildlife, recreation, and grazing. A letter was drafted and presented to the Court. A finalized letter will be electronically submitted once approved.

MOTION to approve the letter brought forth by the National Resources Advisory Committee for the BLM Programmatic Solar NEPA for the 11 western States. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #15: Addendum to Collective Bargaining Agreement

Requester: Sheriff's Office

Details: Sheriff John Gautney attended the court session to ask for approval of an addendum to collective bargaining agreement. This is a 30 day agreement and will renew every 30 days unless terminated by either party. This addendum would assist with staffing shortage and would allow for coverage when no one is scheduled on duty.

MOTION to approve the addendum to collective bargaining agreement. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 9:23 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner