

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES  
OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 WORK SESSION  
Open Portion**

**Be It Remembered** that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on February 21, 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; Senior Accountant Cheyenne Fullerton; Fairgrounds Manager Casey Daly; Director Will VanVactor; Andy Parks; Assessor Jon Soliz and Mike Warren.

**WORK SESSION**

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

Agenda Item #1, Public Comment: None

Agenda Item #2, Thank You Letters to Representatives Mark Owens (House District 60) and Greg Smith (House District 57):

Requester: Casey Daly

Details: Fairgrounds Manager Casey Daly attended the work session to present Thank You letters to Representatives Mark Owens and Greg Smith for their support in the Crook County Fairgrounds Capital Funding. The Fairgrounds received \$2 million dollars through House Bill 5202 Section 425(14) and are using these funds for equipment repairs, facility updates, grounds improvement, purchasing new equipment and lighting, updating facility plumbing and interiors, building vital storage structures, and planning on the expansion of the small animal barn.

Agenda Item #3, Federal and State funding requests:

Requester: Andy Parks

Details: Andy Parks attended the work session to present a Congressional Directed Spending application process. The Federal Government has an application process with a deadline of March 3, 2023. Potential funding requests to submit include 1) Biomass project 2) Hwy 126 corridor project and 3) Wastewater project. The County submitted funding requests in FY 2023 totaling approximately \$15 million to the state for the Courthouse renovation project. Funding requests will be updated and resubmitted to the state later this week. The local match on these projects is \$10 million. Local funding is from bonds that have previously been sold.

At 9:10 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 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**

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 the County's realtor of record to correspond with counter party as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MOTION** to approve the rejection letters as discussed in the Executive Session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MOTION** to approve the request for an extension of the TSR North Hearing to a new date and time certain of 9 a.m. on April 5, 2023, to be held at the County meeting room at 320 NE Court Street. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MOTION** to authorize and delegate authority to Commissioner Barney to correspond with 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 9:59 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Sarah Puerner**