CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2023, SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING Open Portion

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a Special Public Meeting on July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

<u>Court Members Present</u>: Judge Seth Crawford, Commissioner Jerry Brummer and Commissioner Brian Barney

Absentees: None

Others Present in Person or Via Zoom: Human Resource Generalist Amy Albert; Roxanne Cummings-Basey; Patti Norris; Rylee Campbell; Roger; Harvard; Zoom User; Kris Jones; Mathew Fedrspiel; Teresa Tooley and Shawna Vashti.

County Court interviewed the following candidates who applied to serve on the Library Board of Trustees: Jennifer Mires Orozco, Mark Loring Maboll, Sandy Kerbow, Keya Rohovit-Wrolson; Mary Dyal; Roxanne Cummings-Basey, Brian Samp, Gayle Casselman and James Van Voorhees.

Jennifer Mires Orozco stated the library has always been an interest of hers and she is at a place where she has the time to dedicate to the board. She spoke of expanding the tween and teen section of the library. Emphasizing the role libraries play in social interactions and the need for continued financial support and media presence. Ms. Mires-Orozco has management experience, strategic planning and budget experience and is bilingual.

Mark Loring Maboll spoke of the importance the library and the opportunity for continued education the library holds for him personally. Mr. Maboll's goals as a library board member would be for the library to continue running smoothly. Mr. Maboll stated he is personable, smart and a team player.

Sandy Kerbow commented on her want to bring balance to the board so it can function with unity and transparency. Ms. Kerbow has worked with the library to purchase five books from the Brave series, along with a story time for one of the books. Ms. Kerbow stated she is extremely loyal and an excellent listener.

Keya Rohovit-Wrolson and her children go to the library often to check out books and to participate in the many programs the library has to offer. Ms. Rohovit-Wrolson goal as a board member would be for the library to continue operating as is while seeking opportunities for improvement. Ms. Rohovit-Wrolson has board experience and is looking forward to learning new skills if selected for this position.

Mary Dyal's interest in the library board is due to her grandchildren and her concern regarding recent activities at the library. Ms. Dyal's goal as a board member would be to help improve upon what the library currently has in place. Ms. Dyal would bring her knowledge of owning a business for twenty-three years, as well as, many years of volunteer service to the position.

Roxanne Cummings-Basey expressed how important she feels the library is to herself and the community, stating they are inclusive and accommodating to everyone. Ms. Cummings-Basey stated she does not have an agenda; she is a trained facilitator and researcher; she would like to see the library and community come together. Ms. Cummings-Basey has a psychology degree and a fine art degree that she would benefit from in this position.

Brian Samp spoke about finding a lot of value in the library when he first moved to town. Mr. Samp spoke several times about his concern for the library's survival. When asked for clarification, Mr. Samp said, he had heard the library was at risk of being defunded. The Court assured Mr. Samp that is not on their agenda.

Gayle Casselman spoke of her love of libraries and viewing them as fundamental pillars of the community. Ms. Casselman stated she is often at the library, reads from a library book almost daily and attends some of the library functions. Ms. Casselman has previously served on the library board. She feels her bachelors in education and an open-minded approach will help serve her in this role.

James Van Voorhees stated he is upset over the recent situation at the library and hopes to help calm the situation. Mr. Van Voorhees stated he often uses the library services and is impressed at the service of the staff. Mr. Van Voorhees stated he would bring many skills to the board, as he has a lot of prior experience serving on boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert