

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF AUGUST 2, 2023, REGULAR MEETING
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a Regular Court meeting on August 2, 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 Zoom: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistant Sarah Puerner; Finance Director Christina Haron; Budget Analyst Jamie Berger; Director Will Van Vactor; Director Kim Barber; Library Director Sarah Beeler; Jeff Hurd; Kim Herber; Katie McDonald; Andy Parks; Tim Deboodt; Casey Daly; Cheryl Seely; Kari Hathorn; Wanda Smith; Levi Roberts; Mike Warren; Sydney Chandler; Joseph Merrill; Anna Contreras; Rhonda Ahern; Jeff Rola and members of the public.

REGULAR SESSION

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

Public Comment: None

Additions/Removals: Consent Agenda #6: “Approve execution of a personal services agreement with Parametrix to complete the TSP update” to be removed from the consent agenda and will be brought back to Court for consideration at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes
2. Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant
3. Ground Lease and Bill of Sale for the Extension Office and Clover Building
4. Oregon Paid Leave impact on accruals utilization – potential policy
5. Contracts for Contract Senior Accountant and Data Analyst Services with NOW CFO
6. Approve execution of a personal services agreement with Parametrix to complete the TSP update

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item #6 to be removed. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #7: Request to waive or reduce the 20% gross sales of alcohol and facility rentals of Crook County Fairgrounds for Hospice Christmas Auction event on December 3rd:

Requester: Anna Contreras, St. Charles Health System

Details: Anna Contreras with the St. Charles Health System attended the Regular session to request a waiver or reduction in the 20% gross sales of alcohol and the facility rentals of Crook County Fairgrounds for the Hospice Christmas Auction event on December 3, 2023. Ms. Contreras is requesting a waiver of the rental fee of \$2,170 and possibly up to \$5,000 or more in alcohol sales. County Court decided not to waive any of the alcohol sales.

MOTION to waive the rental fees for the Fairgrounds for \$2,170 for the Hospice Auction Event. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #8: Four road crossing in existing road crossing in Millican OHV area approval:

Requester: Joseph Merrill – King of the Kastle

Details: Joseph Merrill with King of the Kastle attended the Regular Session to discuss a four road crossing in existing road crossing in Millican OHV area approval. This is a semi-annual event in the OHV riding area. The road crossing for the four road is on Reservoir Road and George Millican Road. Traffic control plan is fine. There was one complaint last year about not stopping at stop signs, that issue has been addressed for this year.

MOTION to approve the four road crossings as depicted in the agenda packet presented today August 2, 2023. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #9: Consider request by NeighborImpact for \$5,000 funding to eliminate food insecurity in Central Oregon program:

Requester: Jeff Rola, NeighborImpact

Details: Jeff Rola, Development Program Manager for NeighborImpact attended the Regular session to request funding from Crook County to support its on-going effort to eliminate food insecurity in Central Oregon. This request is being made to all counties in the area to help eliminate food insecurity.

MOTION to allocate \$5,000 to NeighborImpact out of lottery proceeds. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #10: County support to remove Crook County from ODA Canola Special District:

Requester: Tim Deboodt, representing Crook/Wheeler Farm Bureau

Details: Tim Deboodt attended the Regular session to discuss the County's support to remove Crook County from the ODA Canola Special District. This is ODA's crop protection district for the three counties and eliminates grower opportunities to produce canola. Cross-contamination is not an issue and the opportunity to grow canola provides another crop for our farmers in Crook County. Commissioner Barney has a conflict and has recused himself.

MOTION to support to remove Crook County from the ODA Canola Special District. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 2-0.

Discussion item #11: Second public hearing, application for social gathering, Lazarus Naturals, August 17-19, 2023:

Requester: Eric Blaine / Katie McDonald

Details: This will be the first public hearing for social gatherings for Lazarus Naturals. There was a previous issue with noticing neighbors and the general public so this will be the official first reading. Legal and Community Development have not received any additional public testimony regarding Lazarus Naturals.

A public hearing was opened.

Rhonda Ahern with Lazarus Naturals wanted to clear up a few things in the proposed permit. There were issues previously with listing the correct dates and this permit shows the PBR Challenge listed as well, these are two completely different events. Question regarding the time limit until 10 pm, as they initially requested until midnight for their event. Permit shows they are required to supply 22 restrooms and that seems excessive for the number of overall attendees for the event.

MOTION that County Court make a finding that the threshold for the issuance of a social gathering permit under the County's code has not been met. Motion seconded. Commissioner Brummer asked how do we know these numbers for attendees are correct for future events? No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public hearing closed.

Discussion item #12: Second public hearing, application for social gathering, PBR Challenge Series, O'Neil Arena, August 17-18, 2023:

Requester: Eric Blaine / Katie McDonald

Details: This is the second public hearing for a social gathering application for the PBR Challenge Series at O'Neil Arena for August 17-18, 2023. Legal and Community Development have not received any additional written comments but did receive some phone calls.

A public hearing was opened. With no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION to approve the draft permit for the PBR Challenge Series as provided in the agenda packet, to authorize Judge Crawford to sign on behalf of the county, and to authorize staff to fill in any blanks or make any edits to conform to the discussion today. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Administrator Report: None

Court Member Updates: None

At 9:48 a.m. the Court convened 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.

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 and county representatives to correspond with counter parties as discussed in the Executive Session. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:38 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner