

**CROOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
OF AUGUST 21, 2024, REGULAR MEETING
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Board Members Present: Commissioner Seth Crawford, Commissioner Brian Barney, and Commissioner Susan Hermreck

Absentees: None

Others Present in Person or Via Zoom: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Executive Administrative Assistant Sarah Puerner; Will Van Vactor; Kelly Coffelt; Brad Haynes; Katie Plumb; Bill Elliott; Andrew Rasmussen; Tim Deboodt; Mona Glade; Rebecca Keegan; Micheala Edwards; Sarah Beeler; Alex Solterbeck; Mike Ervin; and members of the public.

REGULAR SESSION

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. OHA Medicaid Administrative Claiming IGA #182949
2. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Precision Approach Engineering Inc.
3. Transportation System Plan Update - Change of Scope (Juniper Canyon Egress Feasibility)
4. 3rd Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Crook County and Jefferson County for Jail Bed Rental

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

Discussion item #5: Airport Runway Project Update:

Requester: Kelly Coffelt

Details: Airport Manager Kelly Coffelt attended the Regular Session to present an update to the Board of Commissioners on the Runway 33/15 Reconstruction project. The project involves demolishing and widening the runway from 40 feet to 60 feet, installing new runway lighting, signage, and markings, and adjusting the magnetic variation to 34/16. Precision Approach Engineering is handling the design, engineering, and construction consulting, while Taylor NW has been identified as the low bidder and contractor for the project. The reconstruction is scheduled to take place from November 2024 to July 2025, with grant closeout anticipated to take a couple of months beyond that. The total project cost is \$4,472,522, with \$4,025,270 funded by the FAA, \$250,000 from CORE/State funds, and \$197,252 covered by airport surplus and revenue. Mr.

Coffelt provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the project's scope, timeline, funding breakdown, site conditions, and expected improvements.

Discussion item #6: LaPine Community Health Center:

Requester: Katie Plumb

Details: Health & Human Services Director Katie Plumb attended the Regular Session to update the Commissioners on funding for programs that support mental health promotion and suicide prevention. She requested approval to allocate one-third of the grant funds to LaPine to initiate their agreed-upon programs. The Central Oregon Health Council received community behavioral health funding intended for the region, and through this pass-through grant, LaPine will be able to host a Peer Support Specialist. This role will help build capacity for services such as hiring, home visits, appointment support, and group facilitation, as well as warm handoffs. Peer Support services will be billed as appropriate, with grant funds covering any uncovered expenses related to the position. The initiative also aims to reduce transportation barriers to accessing in-person behavioral health services, provide access to a welcoming, private space for on-site telehealth services, and increase community awareness of in-person behavioral health resources in LaPine.

MOTION to sign the professional service contract with LaPine Community Health Center. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Interim Manager Report: None

Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Hermreck shared that she received a letter from Senator Finley regarding the Idaho proposition. Crook County had sent a letter reflecting the results of the local vote, and in response, Senator Finley outlined the three steps required for any Oregon counties to become part of Idaho. First, the Oregon Legislative Assembly must consent, followed by consent from the Idaho Legislature, and finally, approval from Congress. Senator Finley also expressed that for him to take action, a significant majority of Crook County citizens must support the move. He pointed out that only 5,149 of the 22,449 registered voters in Crook County voted in favor, which he feels is insufficient to request the Oregon Legislature's consent.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was **adjourned at 9:17 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner / Breyanna Cupp