

Crook County Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 16, 2024

Time: 9:02 AM

Location: Admin Conference Room (203 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR 97754)

Subcommittee Members Present:

- Jamie Berger, Budget Subcommittee Member (Budget Manager)
- Bill Anderson, Budget Subcommittee Member (Budget Committee Member)
- Steve Brown, Budget Subcommittee Member (Budget Committee Member)

Meeting Purpose:

The Budget Subcommittee met to discuss applicants for a vacant budget committee position and to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Introductions:

Steve Brown, Bill Anderson, Jamie Berger, and Will Van Vactor (County Manager) introduced themselves.

Election of Chair:

Steve Brown nominated Bill Anderson to chair the subcommittee meeting and Mr. Anderson was unanimously elected as the Chair.

Review of Applicants:

General Observations:

All three candidates were recognized for their strong financial backgrounds, which are critical to supporting Crook County's budget needs.

Candidate Discussions:

- **Scott Tibbs:**
 - Jamie highlighted Scott's operational background and experience as a prior budget committee member.
 - Steve emphasized Scott's background managing a \$200 million inventory and his role as an operations manager at Les Schwab for decades. He noted Scott's long-term commitment to the community and the potential value of his continuity.
 - Bill agreed, stressing the importance of having engaged public citizens on the committee and supported Scott's background and prior experience. Bill also noted the continuity that Scott would bring as he served on the budget committee last year.
- **Laura York:**
 - Jamie described Laura's five years of prior service on the budget committee and her strong finance and budgeting background, particularly in government work.
 - Bill noted her retirement as a factor and asked about the timing of her availability.

- Steve added that her municipal and government experience is valuable.
- **Christie Kurtz:**
 - Jamie noted that Christie worked in the Finance Department for 10 months and still works in a quasi-public capacity with budget familiarity.
 - Steve highlighted her private business finance background, degree in accounting and business management, and involvement in government finance.
 - Bill agreed she was another strong candidate and appreciated her interest in serving.

Recommendation:

Steve moved to recommend Scott Tibbs for the vacant position. The motion was seconded by Jamie.

The committee discussed Scott's familiarity with the committee's work, his operational expertise, and the value of continuity during critical financial times for Crook County.

The chair called for a vote which passed unanimously.

Vote:

- Jamie Berger: Aye
- Steve: Aye
- Bill Anderson: Aye

Decision:

Scott Tibbs was unanimously recommended for a three-year term on the budget committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30.

Minutes Prepared By:

Will Van Vactor, County Manager
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