

CROOK COUNTY WORK SESSION

**Administration Conference Room
203 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR**

Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 9 a.m.

	Requester	Discussion Matter	Packet Docs
1	Scott Aycock	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Projects	
2	Bruce Scanlon	Ochoco Irrigation	✓
3	Gary Farnsworth	Milican Road and Roundabout	
4	Will VanVactor	Community Development Update	✓
5	Eric Blaine	Costs for Additional Insurance for "Aid and Assist" Services	✓

	Requester	Executive Discussion Matter	Packet Docs
Exec #1			

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**The Court may add additional items arising too late to be part of this Agenda. Agenda items may be rearranged to make the best use of time.*

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*Requests to be placed on the Work Session agenda are
due by 5 p.m. the Thursday before the Work Session*

November 9, 2021 Work Session Agenda



Dear Crook County Court,

Ochoco Irrigation District serves nearly 900 patrons and delivers water to 20,000 acres of land in Crook County. Aging infrastructure, growing populations, shifting rural economies, and changing climate conditions have increased pressure on water resources across the western United States (U.S.). Within the Deschutes Basin, irrigated agriculture is the main out-of-stream water use and relies on primarily 100-year-old infrastructure to divert, store, and deliver water to farms and ranches.

The District has secured federal funding through the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, authorized by Congress in 1954, to implement our irrigation infrastructure modernization project within Crook County, Oregon. The project includes an area in the northwest region of the District and spans from the District's diversion along the Crooked River north to McKay Creek. It encompasses a portion of the canals and laterals in OID as well as irrigated lands to the north of the District that currently are irrigated with privately owned McKay Creek water rights. Project actions include converting existing canals and laterals to pipes, installing new pump stations, raising canal banks, and constructing a new lateral.

The majority of District-operated infrastructure is aging. The water distribution system consists primarily of open, earthen dug canals that are up to 105 years old, resulting in water lost to operational spills from operational inefficiencies, and canal seepage or evaporation from conveyance inefficiencies. Critical pumping stations that carry and lift water into the distribution system are over 60 years old, making them unreliable and inefficient. In total, the District estimates that up to 20 percent of District-diverted water is lost to operational spills, canal seepage or evaporation. Modernizing OID's aging water distribution system will increase system efficiency and help to address local water resource concerns.

The total cost for the phases described in the plan is nearly 31 million dollars. 75% of that total is to be funded through grants provided by NRCS and the PL-566 program. The remaining 25% of match has largely been secured, however there is still over 2 million dollars remaining to fully fund the project. We are asking that the Crook County Court to consider helping fund this important water conservation work by providing American Rescue Plan dollars that are specifically set aside for infrastructure improvements of this nature.

The Courts consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wade Flegel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wade Flegel

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MEMO

TO: County Court

FROM: Will Van Vactor, Director
Randy Davis, Building Official

DATE: November 5, 2021

RE: Current Building and Planning Projects

As requested by the County Court, the Community Development Department intends to provide regular updates on current and planned development projects going on around the County. Below is a summary of the current building and planning projects.

This is the first work session we have presented this information. If you would like us to present the information in a different format or if you would like us to provide different information, just let us know.

Notable Building Activity From the Last 90 Days -

PERMITTED OR UNDER REVIEW

- Four new buildings on Empire Drive (near airport), three under construction, one future, unknown occupants/use, no tenant improvement permits, shell only
- One new building on Commerce, 3,500 sq. ft, unknown occupant/use
- New data center
- New substation & support structures
- Four new NDS buildings., 11,000sq. ft each
- Addition to data center, 2-story, 82,723 sq. ft.
- T.I. Old Hospital, tenant is Turning Point
- Wild Ride Brewery, Old Ford Dealership
- 10,000 sq. ft storage unit expansion, Murphy Road
- Structural repair package for Old Mill at Peters Road and Main
- T.I., new bar, restaurant, Wrangler, behind Papa Murphy's
- T.I., Ace Hardware moving into Old Sears bldg.
- Brasada Ranch, 4 buildings, 16 units, overnight lodging
- Outdoor covered area for outdoor classroom, Paulina School
- Seismic upgrade of Ward Rhoden Stadium
- T.I., Prineville Produce, "Y" at East end of town
- T.I., hemp extraction facility, High Hazard, Old Mill site, existing building. Next to Peters Road
- Apartment Complex, End of Peters Road, under construction, first 2 units are framed

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OR IN PLANNING PROCESS

- 200 + Apartments, Ochoco Lumber Site
- New building for Ochoco Lumber, Ochoco Lumber site
- Storage unit facility, behind Overall Petroleum buildings.
- Potential T.I.'s at Old Mill Site, Peters Rd./Main St.

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

- 66 new single family dwellings

Notable Planning Activity From the Last 90+ days¹ –

Application Type	Number of Applications
Conditional Use	8
Site Plan Review	100
Land Partition	4
Vested Right	1
Miscellaneous	6
Boundary Line Adjustment	2

Notable Applications:

Request	Status
Equine Therapy	Approved, in appeal period
Commercial Activity in Conjunction with Farm Use (Irrigation Supply, Powell Butte)	Pending, Planning Commission to hear
Solar (Powell East, 320 Acres)	Pending, Planning Commission to hear
Vested Right (RMG Destination LLC, Hidden Canyon)	Approved, appeal period expired
Appeal Relative Farm Help Dwelling	Planning Commission affirmed administrative decision, no further appeal
Conditional Use and Comprehensive Plan Amendment to add aggregate site to County inventory (Knife River)	CUP pending with Planning Commission, County Court considering comprehensive plan amendment
Solar (TSR North)	Appeal scheduled for December 15 th

Expected Applications:

Destination Resort Modification (Crossing Trails)
 Solar (Empire, Avangrid)

¹ The first table does not include applications filed over 90 days ago but that are still being processed (such as Knife River or Powell East Solar)

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MEMO

**For Work Session
November 9, 2021**

TO: Crook County Court

FROM: Eric Blaine, County Counsel

DATE: November 4, 2021

RE: Costs for additional insurance for "Aid and Assist" services
Our File No.: MH # 40

"Aid and Assist" is one of the Service Elements of Crook County's community mental health program (CMHP) funding agreement. Under this IGA, the County is obligated to provide certain behavioral healthcare activities, and the State will provide funding for those activities. The Aid and Assist Service Element, designated "MH 04," is meant to provide services to assist those facing court proceedings, which can include criminal trials, civil lawsuits, or even efforts to involuntarily commit the individual.

An unfortunate truth is that patients receiving Aid and Assist services are frequently burdened with severe behavioral health issues.

Recent changes in how the Oregon State Hospital, meanwhile, have presented increased risks to counties providing Aid and Assist services. In short, the Oregon State Hospital wanted a large collection of patients to be sent back to their home communities, and wanted the CMHPs to provide services to them rather than the OSH. This would mean that, on paper if not in fact, these severely challenged patients are in the "custody" of the CMHPs. If something goes wrong while that patient is in legal-but-really-fictional custody, the CMHPs could face enormous liability.

During the legislative session, the counties attempted to convince the legislature to enact liability immunity for the treatment of patients who would have, previously, been under the custody of the Oregon State Hospital. DAS objected, arguing that this legislation would create massive liability risk for the State. This objection would seem to prove the counties' point, that this massive liability would fall upon the counties (through no fault of their own) without the legislation. The legislation was not adopted. Instead, the Oregon Health Authority decided it would offer additional funds for the CMHPs to purchase additional liability insurance. These additional funds would only be offered on a restitutional basis, meaning that the counties would have to purchase the extra insurance first.

The IGA forms have been issued, and I do not see any red flags. Washington County purchased an additional \$5 million of coverage, and so I asked if Prineville Insurance

could obtain a price quote for an additional \$5 million coverage. The premium would cost an additional \$72,500.00.

The question is whether the County wishes to proceed, or if it might need more information before taking action.

Please let me know if you have any questions.