



CROOK COUNTY WORK SESSION
Crook County Annex - Meeting Room
320 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR
Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 9a.m.

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

Regular Work Session Items

	<i>Requester's Name</i>	<i>Matter</i>	<i>Docs? </i>
1	Muriel	COVID-19 Weekly Update	
2	Duane Garner (in person) with Jon Pheanis from MIG (via video/phone)	P&R 20 year Comprehensive Master Plan Presentation Power Point and Video or Webex Conferencing	
3	John Eisler	County Medical Examiner	

Executive Work Session Items

	<i>Requester's Name</i>	<i>Matter</i>	<i>Docs? </i>
Exec #1		NONE SCHEDULED	

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For Work Session
May 19, 2020

TO: Crook County Court
FROM: Crook County Legal Counsel's Office
DATE: May 15, 2020
RE: Crook County's Medical Examiner
Our File No.: Health 119

The County has had the same Medical Examiner since 2002, Dr. Linda Craska-Selby. Recently, she tendered her resignation, effective immediately.

The Medical Examiner position is a bit unique. The position is appointed by the State's Chief Medical Examiner, in consultation with the County Court and District Attorney. The Chief Medical Examiner sets the standards by which the local examiner must perform and has the authority to terminate—typical employer abilities—but the position is an employee of the County.

Dr. Craska-Selby had been operating for nearly twenty years without a contract between her and the County. While personnel issues of the past were resolved, there remained issues regarding her compensation. Wade Whiting had been in discussions to work out a pay-scale and a contract was drafted for execution just before she informed us that she would be resigning.

There are statutory provisions for short-term replacements in the event of a vacancy. First in line is our Local Health Officer, Natalie Good. Next in line is Mr. Whiting. This last Wednesday, there was a fatal drug overdose in the County and Dr. Craska-Selby's absence has created some confusion and logistical issues.

Mr. Whiting has been in discussions with Jefferson and Deschutes Counties about the possibility of a tri-county examiner. However, said agreement would be very expensive for the County.

A replacement is necessary as soon as possible, but one that can perform the necessary services within the District Attorney's budget. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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