

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Crook County Court met in a Work Session on December 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legal Office Conference Room located at 203 NE Court Street. , Prineville, Oregon 97754. In attendance were: County Judge Seth Crawford; County Commissioner Jerry Brummer; County Commissioner Brian Barney; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson.

Members of the public in attendance: Scott Aycock; Janelle Ruhl; Josh Brown and Casey Daly, Fairgrounds; Jeff Caldwell, Finance; Cheryl Seely, County Clerk; Kim Barber, HR and Eric from Cypress Creek on the phone.

### **COIC**

Scott Aycock and Janelle Ruhl appeared to discuss a request for \$2,500 funding to help in the funding of the support staff to assist in EDCO development with work force, action plans, grant writing, developing groups for community support when working with Community Revitalization, and strategic downtown improvement. The request is for \$2,500 with a match to keep everything rolling.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Brummer moved to approve the program with COIC working with the Community to support the Community committee working to improve the downtown areas. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Brummer moved to approve the request for \$2,500 to COIC for the Rural Community and Economic Development Program from Video Lottery Funds. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

### **Library Planning**

Library Director Buzzy Nielsen presented the 5-year 2019-2024 Strategic Plan for the Library. The plan begins with the surveying questions of: (1)What do you like about Crook County; (2) What are the greatest community needs in the next 5 years;(3) How do you feel the library supports the strengths of the community; (4) What can the Library do better to address the County's needs and services ( a Dreaming Question). The Court and the public provided input for each question. Mr. Nielsen said this information will be integrated into information gathered through other discussion groups.

### **Road Matters**

Bob O'Neal, County Roadmaster, discussed snow removal, and the Road Departments standing policy. There is no actual County rule, but 6 inches is used as a threshold in most local jurisdictions. Right now, the Road Department and contract snow removal businesses plow when the snow starts reaching 2 to 3 inches. Bob O'Neal discussed his ideas on a policy or whether we really need a policy. Commissioner

Brummer said he does not believe the current operation is broken. Commissioner Barney said having a policy will not lessen the amount of complaints received. He does not want to do a policy; it just opens up to more complaining. The Road Department is doing a good job. The Court is leaving it up to Mr. O'Neal.

**Disaster Relief/ County foreclosed property on the corner of Fairview Street and Lynn BLVD.**

The County has a foreclosed property that includes a house on the new foreclosed property list that will go up for auction in the spring or early summer. An RFP for bids was put out for the cleanup of the property. The area is packed to the ceiling in the sheds, the motor home and the house with garbage, belongings and possible a piano buried in the living room. Now the neighbors are moving garbage over. The County will pay to remove the motorhome once it is emptied.

Three bids were received: Disaster Restoration, \$16,570; SMAF, \$36,570 and Prineville Rentals, \$2,500.

**Motion**

Commissioner Barney moved to accept the low bid of \$2,500 from Prineville Rentals. The County will cover the dumping fees. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

**Land Use Matter, Appeal, RMG Destination Resort by Central Oregon Land Watch**

The Court and Counsel discussed a public hearing date for the Appeal Hearing. There is an issue with the date that the appeal was filed, possibly one day late. Mr. Wilson will recommend that Respondent's legal counsel file a preliminary motion to dismiss on procedural issues. Proposed Public Hearing date is set for January 16, 2019.

**Continued discussion regarding Justice Court**

The Court continued the discussion of income and expenditures in the operation of a Justice Court as well as the types of cases heard in Justice Court. The Court would like the portion of the policy regarding the Justice Court that states the Justice Court has to be held outside the City waived. Placing a Court outside the one City in the County would place a hardship on everyone.

**Apron Project**

Mr. Wilson presented information on the award to High Desert Aggregate on the Apron Project and Phase A.

**Motion**

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the contract to High Desert and sign the contract outside of Court. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

At this time, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court out of Open Work Session and into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) consulting with Counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of

conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 285C.260.

Following the discussions held in Executive Session regarding Pacific Power open house, Economic Development and Enterprise Zones, County Rock pits and crushing; REDD zones, Pilot Projects, employment requirements, clarification of agreements and decommissioning agreements, and personnel issues, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court out of Executive Sessions and into Open Session, inviting any members of the public back into the meeting room.

**Open**

**Motion**

Commissioner Brummer moved to appoint Commissioner Barney as liaison to HR as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

**Motion**

Commissioner Barney moved to authorize the County to hire an independent third party investigator for the investigation of employment issues as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the starting time of the regular Court Session on January 2, 2019 following the swearing in of the elected officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Ferguson*

Colleen Ferguson, Crook County Court Secretary

