

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Paulina Oregon School located at Prineville, Oregon 97754. In attendance were: County Commissioner Jerry Brummer acting as Chair; County Commissioner Brian Barney; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson.

Members of the public signing the attendance log: Vicky Ryan, Crook County Health Department (CCHD); MaryLou Bernard, Prineville; Tiffanie Bottoms, Crook County Road Department; Bob O'Neal, County Roadmaster; Mark Peterson, Crooked River Watershed Council (CRWC); Katie Walsh, CCHD; Chris Gannon, CRWC; Mark Peterson, CRWC; Jeff Caldwell County CFO; Debbie Palmer County Treasurer; Jeff Kitchens, BLM, Prineville Office; Rebecca Hile, BLM Prineville Office; Rebecca Ott, Crook County Assessor's Office, Prineville C Jon Soliz, County Assessor; Jeff Merwin, County Landfill Manager; Tim Deboodt, Crook County Natural Resources; Cheryl Seeley, County Clerk; Jennifer Orozco, County Administration; Scott Duggan, Redmond; Jill Welborn, USFS; Slater Turner USFS/Ochoco; Amy Lowe, USFS/ Ochoco; Brook Gray, Nature Conservancy, TNC; Katie McDonald, Crook County Planner; James Savage, County Undersheriff; Wanda Schnabele, Paulina School; Kortni Papineau, Shotgun Rd, Post; Dawn Brown, Paulina; Lesa McLean, Paulina and Cheri Rasmussen, Prineville (Paulina School Principal).

Commissioner Brummer opened the County Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Today, 19 students of the school plus the staff attended the meeting and the students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of July 25, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Crook County Court
2. Approve Order 2018-81 Amending the County Employee Handbook to Adopt an On-Call Policy for the Victims Assistance Office
3. Approve CMHP 2016 Amendment – Termination Extension to October 31, 2018
4. Approve Personal Services Contract 2018-275 with Deschutes County for Diabetes Prevention Support Services
5. Approve Amendment 2 to Household Hazardous Waste Collections Services Contract with Stericycle
6. Approve Amendment 1 to 2018-19 State Marine Board Grant Agreement Adding funds for Purchase of Patrol Boat

The Court reviewed the Consent Agenda and made no changes.

Motion

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Brummer seconded the meeting. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Quarterly Update – Requester: Jeff Kitchens and Lisa Clark

Jeff Kitchen, BLM, Field Management out of Prineville presented an update of managed lands in Crook County. BLM manages public lands in 13 Counties. In Crook County this involves, grazing, Timber and public use lands.

Mr. Kitchen reported on the 2018 Fire Season, the Fuels Program taking place in High-Desert Schrub Steppe, Millican and Prineville Lake Acres: Glass Buttes Communication site, lease transfer and establishment of Glass Buttes as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places; Grazing Lease renewal; Thirtymile property acquisition; Teaters Road; Chimney Rock Campground Group Use Site; Crook County Road Department free use permits for renewal of eight, 10-year free use permits for disposal of 400,000 cubic yards of mineral material, (CYD), (50,000 cyd per permit) from eight pre-existing pits on the Prineville District BLM and T16S R18E S* Trespass Resolution.

Ochoco Forest Service Quarterly Update- Slater Turner

Slater Turner, Lookout Mountain and Ochoco Grassland District Supervisor, United States Forest Service (USFS) presented a quarterly update. Mr. Turner thanked the Paulina School for hosting the firefighting team that was working the Cemetery Fire during the summer in the Paulina Area.

Amy Lowe, Paulina District Supervisor, provided information on the Timber sale targets; the prescribed fires that will produce smoke that will come into Prineville with the Forest Service trying to make sure it does not last long if possible; thinning in some areas to reduce fire fuels.

Additional information was provided on the Timber Program, Fuels Program, Invasive Plant Program, Noxious Weed Program and Youth Conservation Crew Program. Information was provided regarding Rager Ranger Station, the buildings that are being removed and those that will remain. Water will remain available in the area.

CRWC's Introduction of New Staff and Upcoming Projects and Initiatives for Upper Country Lands –

Chris Gannon, Crooked River Watershed Council (CRWC) director introduced the newest staff member to his team, Mark Peterson, the new Project Manager. The CRWC does interfacing with 7 other counties. There are now three full time staff members. This will allow for more work to be done on the Two Chiefs proposal project. Mr. Gannon will present a complete yearly update at the County Court meeting next month.

Commissioner Brummer thanked the Crook County School District and Paulina School for allowing the County Court to again meet at the school and to share lunch with the students. Introductions were made; Cheri Rasmussen, Principal, and Lisa McLean, Secretary and Tammy Ontko.

Crook County Department Head Reports on Department activities

Tim Deboodt, Crook County Natural Resources Coordinator presented information on the Two Chief's Project and the partnerships established with the BLM and USFS. Mr. Deboodt presented information on the Natural Resources Plan Committee and proposed increase in the number of members to be appointed to the committee from 9 to 11 members.

County Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jeff Caldwell introduced himself to the audience. Mr. Caldwell will be in charge of financial planning and be responsible for the financial side of all Capital Projects. Ms. Caldwell introduced Debbie Palmer, appointed Crook County Treasurer. Ms. Palmer will run for the position on the November ballot. Ms. Palmer is a native Oregonian and finds the Crook County environment pleasurable.

County Landfill Manager Jeff Merwin introduced himself and presented background on his experience in the landfill business.

County Assessor Jon Soliz has been with the County becoming an appraiser in 2006. He is now the County Assessor after winning the election in the May ballot. He will be sworn in and the elected official on the 2nd of January, 2019. At this time he is in the position as appointed. Mr. Soliz has worked with several landowners in

the upper country on appraisal and taxing matters. He announced that the Tax statements are now going out. The tax roll was certified as of January 1st and set the tax rate. There will be no more changes this year. He announced a Farm Class being held on February 7, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library. This will clarify the assessment program for farm use areas.

County Clerk Cheryl Seeley is finishing her 1st term as County Clerk. The election ballots are going out today, the 17th. Ballot boxes are being distributed today and tomorrow. Ms. Seeley explained that the Clerk's Office also housed the Board of Property Tax Appeals, with forms available at the Clerk's Office. The Ballot boxes will all be closed at 8:00 p.m. the night of the election including those in the outlying areas.

Crook County Planner Katie McDonald introduced herself. Ms. McDonald comes to the County with 10 years of experience in Rural Planning.

Introductions were made for Casey Daly, Fairgrounds Manager; James Savage, County Undersheriff; Jennifer Orozco, County Court and Administration staff; Louis Seals, Compliance Office with Community Development; Bob O'Neal, County Road Master and Vickie Ryan and Katie Walsh with the County Health Department.

Public Hearing: Final Hearing on Order 2018-76 Approving Annexation of Real Property into the Crook County Parks and Recreation District – Requester: Jeff Wilson

County Counsel Jeff Wilson presented information regarding the proposed annexation of County owned property into the Crook County Parks and Recreation District. There are several county parcels that adjoin the district. Order 2018-76 will annex those into the District. If any of those properties are sold, they will already be in the District. Legally, this action requires a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Brummer opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments received, Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Motion

Commissioner Barney moved to approve Order 2018-76, the annexation of county owned parcels into the Crook County Parks and Recreation District. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

Discussion of Cooperative Procurement of two F350 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickups for Road Department – Requester: Bob O'Neal/Eric Blaine

County Roadmaster Bob O'Neal presented the proposal for purchasing two vehicles for the Road Department. The proposed purchase has gone through the state process. Robberson Ford was the low bidder at \$35,647 each. He asked the Court to accept the bid and approve ordering the two vehicles.

Commissioner Brummer asked Mr. O'Neal to explain to the Court and public why there is a need for the crew cab pickups. Mr. O'Neal explained that by using crew cab pickups to ferry the crew up to the road department trucks that have been parked at several rancher's properties, last year he saved \$160,000. The County appreciates the ranchers allowing the County to park the trucks when working in the upper country.

Motion

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the purchase of two Crew Cab pickups at the cost of \$71,294.12. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

Paulina School cross country track condition

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the local running track for the students. Mr. Wilson said the County had received a complaint from a local citizen when the Road Department helped previously to improve the condition of the track. Possibly there is another solution

Washington DC Trip

Commissioner Barney reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C. Through Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), several County Commissioners, Judges and Department Heads were invited to attend meetings with the Education Secretary and Secretary of the Interior. They also had the privilege of meeting with Vice President Pence. Commissioner Barney really appreciated the invitation. Discussion was held regarding government operations. The Department of Interior was interesting. Secretary Ryan Zinke will be helping with the Natural Resources process and was shocked at the cost of firefighting this year. The Department of Education, Betsy DeVos spoke with the group about school safety and how one fix does not work for everyone. She spent the whole summer going to speak at local school districts.

Commissioner Barney felt the trip was extremely educational. He now has many contacts through these meeting, and the contacts in Washington D.C. have asked that the local governments reach out to them. This is the first time they have ever reached out to the states. There were 15 attendees from Oregon and 25 attendees from Washington attending.

Commissioner Brummer thanked Commissioner Barney for all his hours of working on the Jail Project.

Commissioner Brummer has been appointed to the John Day RAC. The RAC is made up of 23 different people from different agencies and counties. If this RAC makes a unanimous decision, it is hard for the BLM not to go along with the decision.

Commissioner Brummer announced the Biomass Summit coming up. There will be four panels with four participants each. Commissioner Brummer has been working with a company, Tortifying Works, which produce a product like bricketts to burn called Hockey Pucks. This product can produce more BTU's than Coal. The Asian countries are interested in the concept. Commissioner Brummer believes maybe we can get a small saw mill back in Crook County to work with this.

Commissioner Brummer introduced his staff: County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson.

There being no further matters before the Court requiring action of the Court at this time, Commissioner Brummer adjourned the County Court meeting. The next regularly scheduled session will be held on November 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson

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Approved Crook County Court 2-20-2019

Crook County Court Secretary