

Minutes of the February 15, 2018 special County Court meeting.

This meeting was held at the County Legal Department conference room at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, at 11:00 a.m.

Person attending were: Judge Seth Crawford; Commissioner Jerry Brummer; Commissioner Brian Barney; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine.

The purpose of today's meeting is to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. The County later discussed outdoor mass gatherings, the proposed helibase lease project at the Prineville airport, and the jail construction project. The County Court also entered into discussions with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

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At the conclusion of the executive session, the County Court reconvened into public session.

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the easement agreement, as discussed in the executive session. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Court thereafter discussed a recently received message from State Representative Mike McLane regarding the interpretation of whether time spent setting up before an outdoor mass gathering and time spent tearing down/cleaning up after an outdoor mass gathering must be included in the limitation of 120 consecutive hours before the statutory requirement of land use approval is triggered. Per Representative McLane, the State's view is that the County could and should decide to exclude set-up and take-down time from its own definition of outdoor mass gatherings. Judge Crawford spoke to Representative McLane and the Governor, and Mr. McLane asked the County to draft a response the State's position. This response would be presented to DLCD. The expectation relayed to Judge Crawford was that the State would formally respond very soon after receiving the County's letter. Discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the State exempting set-up and take-down time from the 120-hour timeframe.

The Court thereafter discussed a public records request from the Western Values Project asking for information regarding the natural resources plan and attorney Karen Budd-Falen. The requester had previously been informed that the County expected to conclude its response by the end of this week.

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Discussion regarding the application submitted to the US Forest Service for a helibase project at the Crook County/Prineville airport. Commissioner Barney had a meeting with the City and USFS. There remain differences regarding important terms of the proposed lease, but the meeting was a positive step forward to resolve outstanding issues.

Discussion regarding commissioning activities as part of the construction of the new County jail. The County Court wishes to use DLR for this aspect of the project.

There being no further matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Blaine