

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on January 23, 2018 at 9:00 in the Legal Office Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon. 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 Joe Stuttler; John Jackson

Judge Crawford called the Work Session to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2018.

Work Session items:

- Joe Stuttler presented an overview on the history of the Strategy of a truly interagency working together on FEMA Grants and Project Wildfire and Crook County Fire Ready programs. Joe has 35 years of career with the Forest Service and John Jackson has many years with Oregon Department of Forestry. They are now working toward a Cohesive Strategy Initiative with Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and the northern one-half of Klamath Counties that will be able to use FEMA Grant funds and the expertise of the counties to deal with pretreatment and Wildfire. An RFP for the paid Director position is ready to go, there are agreement out there with counties and the federal agencies, and Joe will be the contract administrator. Each of the five counties is being asked for up to \$150,000 to place in the pot for the paid position and operation expenses. The second and third year will be reduced to \$100,000 up to \$125,000. There will be a Cohesive Strategy Committee and a Steering Committee. Joe listed several members coming from the private; logging, forest agencies and representative are needed from each County. This will cover a tremendous land mass and different project going on in different counties. There will be opportunity to leverage more funding and to take the opportunity to work together in a single conversation and be powerful when all of Central Oregon stands and speaks together for a multiple jurisdictional responsive system. Discussion was held regarding working parallel with other committees or resources and taking advantage of the programs such as Project Wildfire and Crook County Fire Ready to put this into action. Judge Crawford asked Mr. Stuttler to send a formal Intergovernmental Agreement to Mr. Wilson as soon as possible and Crook County will be in the program for as much as suggested and work with the others to get the RFP out there as soon as possible and get this project operational.

Judge Crawford adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Ferguson*

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