

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Open Session on March 1, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Crook County meeting room located at 320 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 signing the attendance log were: Darlene Harpster, Prineville; George Heinz, Prineville; Pete Sharp Prineville; Casey Daly, Crook County Fairgrounds; Teresa Herrmann, County Human Resources; Steve Miller, Prineville; Mark Luckey, Prineville; Hans Haumanns, Prineville; Bobbi Aldrich, Terrebonne; Gail Merritt, Crook County Fair Board; County Sheriff John Gautney; Tim Ray, Crook County Fair Board; J Martinez, District Attorney Victims Assistance Program; Joyce S. Barney, Prineville; Buzzy Nielson, Library Director; Kylie Loving, Crook County Health and Human Services; Susanne Walter-Moore, Prineville and Rebekah Burkhardt, Sheriff's Office.

The media was provided with public notice of the meeting.

Judge Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Tim Ray to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Amendment 12 to IGA # 148006, tuberculosis treatment
2. Approve oversized load permitting IGA with ODOT
3. Approve Amendments 1 and 2 to Construction Contract between Crook County and SMAF Construction LLC for Fairgrounds Sewer Project
4. Approve Contract for EIS Software Interface with Crook County District Attorney's Office/ Karpel Solutions
5. Approve Amendment #4 to IGA with Lane County On-Line Food Handlers Card Application
6. Approve Lease of Office Space for County Surveyor
7. Approve Contract for Jail Construction, Kirby Nagelhaut

The Court reviewed the Consent Agenda. There were no changes.

Motion

Commissioner Brummer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Employee years of service awards

The Court recognized Julie Martinez for her five years of service to the County serving in the Victims Advocate's Office and to Aaron Reinhart for his five years of service to the County serving at the Landfill, presenting them with service pins and certificates.

Bobbie Aldrich with Tri-County Rodeo Kids, High School Rodeo and Tri-County Rodeo funding request to be considered at budget, \$5,300 High School in May, and Tri-County High School Finals in June

Bobbie Aldrich with Tri-County Rodeo Kids, High School Rodeo and Tri-County Rodeo along with four members presented information regarding the organization recognized by the State and sanctioned by the High School Rodeo Association. The organization is not sanctioned by the School District due to the insurance costs. Information was provided on the dates and times of the events, the number of participants and other attendees bringing in business to the community, the funding of the 501c non-profit, the number of members (last year 40 graduating seniors), the scholarships provided to the graduating seniors and the 4.0 or honor roll grades of the students participating. Judge Crawford stated that going forward the lottery funds will be used for economic development. Ms. Aldrich was invited to speak about the economic benefits of this program. Ms. Aldrich explained that most of the rodeo clubs want to attend the events at the Crook County Fairgrounds, because this Fairgrounds appreciates them coming, and the management and staff of the Fairgrounds goes way above and beyond to make this a safe and enjoyable event. The students spoke to the Court on their participation and advancement during their time as members of the organization.

The request for funding of the events, \$5,300, will be considered following the County budget hearing FY 2017-2018.

Ashley Thrasher, Crook County Kid’s Club, request for funding, \$10,000

Crook County Kids Club Director Ashley Thrasher presented information on the Kids Club that now serves over 500 members per year with an average of 30 to 75 after school each day. This serves the community so that families can work and have a safe place for their children after school and during the summer program. The cost is \$300 per year per child. Ms. Thrasher explained that 35 percent of Crook County youth is in a poverty level situation. The Club is asking private and corporate for donation and is asking the Court for \$10,000.

The Court discussed the video lottery dollars that come into the County and how they are to be used. Judge Crawford asked that forms for “requests for funding” be revised to emphasize economic development and then sent to the presenters asking for funding for their organizations, and that the forms be returned to the Court for consideration by the end of the next Court work session.

Update from Rebels Roost regarding notice to move from current facility

Hans Kaumanns, Mark Luckey and Steve Miller presented a prepared statement to the Court regarding the Rebels Roost that has been serving the community for 14 years at the corner of 2nd street and Dunham Street. In 2016, the facility was open 365 days, serving 18,000 individuals attending meetings. The organization of the Rebel’s Roost has now purchased a 1912 building at the corner of 7th street and North Main Street, and the club is remodeling with the help of many members volunteering their skills. The anonymous organization benefits the entire community serving those with mandates and addictions. The age group at this time is 16 to 75 years, and serves those rebelling against the old way of life and needing a roost upon which to land.

Mr. Kaumanns said he moved here 13 years ago because of the stable organization that has become a permanent place for the 12 step program. He said the old club house has saved lives, and there is no way to put a monetary value on that.

The Court offered the club using anything of use for the new facility from the old location to help with the remodeling.

The old club house is being removed or destroyed to make room for the new jail planned for that site. The construction will begin in July or August 2017 and finish in 2018.

Discuss Manufactured Structure Registration IGA with Building Codes Division (BCD)

County Assessor Bryan Huber and Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine presented information regarding the agreement that had been presented to County Court in January and approved, and sent on to the Building Codes Division, State of Oregon has now been rejected. Mr. Blaine has another agreement prepared for signature. This is an agreement between the County and the State regarding the registration of ownership of manufactured structures. The BCD had sent out ultimatums with no scope of work. Discussion was help on the issue of indemnification that is not evenhanded.

Several jurisdictions have signed and feel the State BCD is holding the constituents' hostage. Discussion was held covering deposits, language changes, indemnification, amounts of coverage and insurance.

Mr. Blaine provided an example; Mr. Huber explained the process for manufactured home ownership documents that the Assessor's office has been doing for 16 years, and believes it's a service that the County should provide that has not experienced any problems in the past.

Motion

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the agreement with the Building Code Department. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Discuss Request from Breese ranch LLC for partial release of funds

This item removed from today's meeting to be addressed at a future session.

Addition: Consideration of inviting local clergy to County Court for opening prayer

Judge Crawford presented the suggestion of an opening prayer for county Court meetings. Discussion was held by the Court members, Counsel and members of the public regarding the separation, the Establishment Clause, other counties that are using prayer, inviting the local clergy, Supreme Court cases, Congress opening with prayer since 1789 and the 2014 Supreme Court case that states there are limits. There would be no stopping any specific religion, and there could not be any coercing of others to join the religions. Judge Crawford said he has contacted a local pastor who will manage the scheduling of clergy who volunteer for this project. Judge Crawford insists that this would be only a blessing over the meeting and community rather than proselytism.

Motion

Commissioner Brummer moved to bring in clergy to offer a prayer at the beginning of the Court meetings. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Addition: Announcement of Natural Resources Forum

Judge Crawford presented information on the Natural Resources Forum with two speakers to be held on March 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the Crook County High School auditorium. He would like to have the County have the ability work with the Natural Resources Committee and cover the costs of advertising and getting the information out to the public.

Mr. Wilson asked that a plan be created and brought to the work session for discussion.

Public Comments

Pete Sharp complimented the Court on the prayer plan and expressed his appreciation of the Rebel's Roost and their impact on the community.

Tim Ray discussed the Fairgrounds, Relay for Life, Long term budgeting, maintenance and the good presentation of Bobbie Aldrich earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business requiring action of the Court at this time, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court out of Open Session and into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, and ORS 192.660(2)(i) 3 personnel reviews for Buzzy Nielson, County Library Director; Casey Daley, County Fairgrounds Manager and Leroy Gray, County Landfill Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Crawford convened the Court into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(i) 3 reviews Buzzy Nielson, County Library Director; Casey Daley, County Fairgrounds Manager and Leroy Gray, County Landfill Manager.

Following the Executive Session discussions and reviews, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. All members of the public were invited back into the meeting room.

OPEN SESSION

Judge Crawford convened the Court back into Open Session after meeting in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(i) 3 reviews Buzzy Nielson, County Library Director; Casey Daley, County Fairgrounds Manager and Leroy Gray, County Landfill Manager and invited all members of the public back into the room.

The Court discussed the performance reviews.

Motion

Commissioner Brummer moved to approve a one-step increase for each of the three reviewed employees. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

There being no further business before the Court at this time, Judge Crawford adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson

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Crook County Court Secretary