

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Crook County Court met in Special Session on February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the 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 and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson. Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine was not in attendance.

Members of the public signing the attendance log: Darlene Harpster, Prineville; George Heinz, Prineville; Susanne Walters-Moore, Prineville; Von Thompson, Prineville; Lance Stover, Prineville and James Wilson, City of Prineville.

The media was provided public notice of the meeting.

Judge Crawford called the meeting to order and asked George Heinz to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of today's Special public meeting is to update the County Court and the public on the work that has been completed so far on the schematic design of the new jail. Today's meeting is intended as an information presentation only, and will not involve any formal decision by the County Court.

Presentation

Diana Brown, DLR Group presented an overview of the Jail project beginning with the Pre-Bond meetings, the bond election in November, the end of the design process in September, and the anticipated start of construction mid to late October. She explained the process of "bidding out" the project with the completion to be the end of 2018.

Today's presentation to the Court is the schematic design of the new jail. The information provided size, layout, outside design and landscaping and allowing for the most efficient use of space available for both staff and inmates. The project goals of operation were presented: space, 70 plus beds for inmates, an expandable structure, energy efficient, and staff efficient.

Sheriff Gautney read the mission statement of the jail. He explained the actions of the community in having a hand in the recommendations for the jail and focusing on the citizen's wants regarding the past and into the future. The mental health crisis and the huge impact this issue has on jail facilities was presented. There must be services for mental health crisis offenders or inmates to keep them from reoffending.

The site plan was presented including the plan to vacate Dunham street between 1st and 2nd street, the main public access coming off 2nd street and the only exit out will be on 1st street, fencing security, tying together the jail and the Sheriff's office, the vehicle vestibule, the jail support areas of the kitchen, laundry, medical, administration and the design scheme called Crook River with a natural surrounding landscape of the 23 foot tall jail.

The Sheriff pointed out the today's plans are totally preliminary and there may be changes, but today's plan is the general concept.

The Court discussed with the Sheriff and Ms. Brown the parking areas, ADA parking spaces, the requirement for an outdoor recreation area for the inmates and how that would be created in a safe environment and the possibility of acquiring additional adjacent properties. Von Thompson and Mike O'Herron, chairs of the Citizens Committee for the planning of the jail, discussed the acquisition of properties and the connecting of the jail to the Sheriff's Office.

Further discussion was held regarding the outside design, the fencing, the camera placement and landscape with drought tolerance and low maintenance.

The Sheriff said this is preliminary; there will be more discussion and work in progress. The next public meeting on the Jail project is scheduled in May.

A brief discussion was held regarding financing and the contractor, Kirby Nagelhaut, having experience in this process and having good interaction with the Sheriff's Office.

There being no further information before the Court regarding the jail project, Judge Crawford adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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