

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Crook County Court met in a Special Session on February 10, 2017 in the County Meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street. In attendance were: County Judge Seth Crawford; County Commissioner Jerry Brummer; County Counsel Jeff Wilson and interim County Court Secretaries Jennifer Orozco and Regina Paul. Eric Blaine attended during the final portion of the meeting when the decision was made on which candidate would be appointed.

Members of the public signing the attendance log were: Susan L. Walters-Moore, Prineville; Cheryl Seely, County Clerk; Pete Sharp, Prineville; Gordon Aggers, Prineville; Mike and Teresa Ervin, Prineville; Shasta Rawoss, Prineville; Michelle McSwain, Prineville; Carol Heinz, Prineville and George Heinz.

The media was provided with public notice of this meeting.

Judge Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Rick Steber to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of today's special meeting was to interview ten applicants for the vacant commissioner position on the Crook County Court. The vacant position was created when Commissioner Crawford was elected to the County Judge Position with two years remaining on his Commissioner term.

Applicants that were interviewed: Pete Sharp; Kim Kambak; Melanie Marlow; Michael Mohan; Jodie Fleck; Lance Stover; Brian Barney; Walt Wagner; George Heinz and Douglas Dawson.

Applicants were each provided with six questions prior to the interviews today and were allowed three minutes for each response. The questions were as follows:

1. Each Court member is expected to act as liaison for specific areas of county government. There is currently a need for oversight in the Health and Human Services and Law Enforcement areas. How would your prior experience help you contribute to county government?
2. As a county commissioner, leadership is an important quality. Describe for us your leadership skills, and how you plan to use those skills in your job.
3. What is your prior business experience, and how would you apply the skills you learned in business, to the position of County Commissioner?
4. How does the US Constitution apply to the functions of County government?
5. What do you believe are some of the biggest challenges facing Crook County today?
6. Natural Resources are an important part of Crook County's economy, what role do you see them playing in the future?

Following the interview, the Court members each listed their top candidate choices and discussed their reasons for choosing the individuals. The final agreed upon applicant was Brian Barney.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Brummer moved to appoint Brian Barney for the two year position as County Commissioner. Judge Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

There being no further action required for this special session, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved April 19, 2017