

Minutes of the January 10, 2017 County Court work session.

Persons in attendance were: Bill Zelenka, County Community Development Director; Bob O'Neal, County Roadmaster; Commissioner Jerry Brummer; County Clerk Cheryl Seely; Izaac Ross, County IT Director; Sheriff John Gautney; District Attorney Daina Vitolins; County Treasurer Kathy Gray; Emergency Manager Mike Ryan; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine; County Judge Seth Crawford; Jerry and Darlene Harpster; Melanie Marlow; Pete Sharpe; two other gentlemen whose names were not recorded; a news crew from a local television station.

- Jeff Wilson presents the draft declaration of emergency.
- Daina Vitolins presents a memo regarding the IT interface between the EIS and Karpel document management software programs.
 - EIS proposed creating with interface by beginning work in July with a payment of \$15,000.00, due immediately.
 - Karpel proposed creating the interface for a total payment of \$5,000.00 within sixty days.
- Ms. Vitolins was interested in additional hardware purchases of six laptops for a price of \$7,668.00. She requests to pay for this purchase out of the \$15,000.00 that will not be spent on EIS's services.
- The County Court will place this matter on the agenda for the January 18 meeting.
- Izaac Ross presents on the consideration of a new County website. The proposal is to improve the County's website rather than having each department building its own website through a 3rd party vendor.
 - Currently, only the fairgrounds has its own website, but other departments might be considering it.
- This will be discussed at a forthcoming department head meeting.
- Emergency declaration: Judge Crawford directs Jeff Wilson to detail the draft declaration.
 - Many local residents who live on non-County maintained roads have repeatedly asked the Sheriff's Office to deliver fuel, food, and other supplies, even when those residents don't want to evacuate.
 - Order 2017-06 directs Bob O'Neal as County Roadmaster to request that the National Guard plow these roads.
 - Judge Crawford announces that state representative Mike McLane will speak to the governor and National Guard immediately, once this declaration is approved.
- Commissioner Brummer moves that Order 2017-06 be approved. Judge Crawford seconds. Motion carried 2-0.

- Bob O’Neal discusses the volume of snow the Road Department has removed. Discussion regarding the number of compliments from the public regarding the Road Department’s success, which have been voluminous.
- The Road Department’s goal is to out-plow any of the neighboring counties.
- Discussion on the intergovernmental agreement regarding the Tom McCall intersection project. This will be placed on the agenda for January 18.
- Discussion on avoiding the moving of snow piles, to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds.
- Kathy Gray present on “long-term budget planning” and a draft price quote from private businessman Andy Parks for three options, based on how in-depth the information will be.
 - Judge Crawford would like Commissioner Brummer to speak as to the City’s experience with long-term budget planning.
 - Andy Parks is available by phone, but Judge Crawford does not want to call him unless there are questions.
- Jeff Wilson will prepare a contract for the “full service” option for consideration at the January 18 meeting.
- Per Judge Crawford’s direction, Eric Blaine describes the County’s existing policies for County offices early closures or late starts. No discussion.
- Judge Crawford opens the meeting up for public comment.
- Pete Sharpe proposes that the Commissioners should deliberate towards making a decision “off the record.” He states his belief that if the Commissioners should happen to run into each other and discuss matters of County concern, that is not a meeting susceptible to Oregon public meetings laws.
 - Jeff Wilson and Eric Blaine counsel against this as being contrary to Oregon public meetings laws.
- Darlene Harpster asks about “temporary housing emergencies.” Judge Crawford states that this is a City matter.
- Darlene Harpster states that she is distressed by the apparent lack of progress regarding local solar projects.
- Melanie Marlow asks what is going on with Redemption House, the local homeless shelter. No one has heard anything lately.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Blaine