

Approved June 18, 2014

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Crook County Court held a Regular Session on May 21, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the County meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon. In attendance were: County Judge Mike McCabe; County Commissioner Seth Crawford; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson. County Commissioner Ken Fahlgren was not in attendance as he was attending a National Association of Counties (NACo) conference in Alaska.

Members of the public signing the attendance log were: Phil Stenbeck, City of Prineville; Jerry and Darlene Harpster, Prineville; Michael Green, Lyons, Oregon; David E. Scott, Prineville; Sher Eriksen, Prineville; Darlene Henderson, Prineville and Camille Wood, Director, Crook County Library.

The media received notice of this meeting.

Judge McCabe called the meeting to order and asked David Scott to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge McCabe encouraged all in attendance to remember the true purpose of the upcoming Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approve minutes of April 16, 2014, April 23, 2014, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014
  2. Approve Order 2014-25, appointment of Jim Kirkbride to the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Board (COIC), requested by Andrew Spreadborough, COIC, to fill a long-term vacancy that must be appointed by the County, term to expire December 31, 2015
  3. Approve Order 2014-26, appointment of Robert Davis to Hahlen Special Road District Board
  4. Approve "TRAIN" software agreement with Oregon Health Authority
  5. Approve GIS framework data license agreement with Dept. Administrative Services
  6. Approve Lease Agreement for Saving Grace
  7. Approve Professional Services Contract for Data Analyst Services-Crook County-Deschutes County
  8. Approve Iron Horse Partition Plat
- ADDITION Approve Partition Plat, County owned property located in the Industrial Park**

The County Court reviewed the Consent Agenda. Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine advised the Court that item number four would need to be removed from the agenda as the signed document has not been returned for approval of the Court. Discussion was held regarding the addition of a second partition plat to be signed. This is a partition plat of County owned property in the Industrial Park. The plat has all the needed signatures required before the Court members sign.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item number four and the addition of the partition plat of County owned property located in the Industrial Park. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

**Public Hearing and comment: Consider approval of Order 2013-27, amendment 6, Crook County fee schedule change (Library)**

County Library Director advised the Court of the March meeting of the Library Board. During that meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to change the fee for non-resident library cards.

Judge McCabe opened the public hearing. Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine presented information on Order 2013-27, Amendment 6, regarding the fee changes for Library fees. There are two changes both related to non-residence library cards. The costs are increases for a 12 month card to \$45.00 and a 3 month card to \$15.00.

David Scott, Prineville, asked about college students that are not local. Ms. Wood said if they were residing locally, they would receive the local fee. If they were commuting from another County, they would pay the non-resident cost. She discussed the reciprocal agreement in the Tri-County area between Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes County.

Mr. Scott explained that he had resided here in Crook County for 11 years but had kept his Driver's License address of his residence in the valley because that was a requirement of his employment in the valley. Since his home was not in his name and his name was not on the electric bill, he was not eligible to have a resident library card. Ms. Wood said there are many different documents used now to prove residence. Mr. Scott now lives here full time and has his name on both the house and electric bill.

**Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to approve Order 2013-27, Amendment 6. Judge McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

**Consider offer to purchase County-owned real property: Michael Green**

Mr. Blaine presented two offers to purchase County owned foreclosed properties. Both properties have gone through the foreclosure process and the public auction. There were no bids on the properties. He presented the old RMV value, the new market value and the offer. Discussion was held regarding the area of the properties, Riverside Ranch, and the requirement to own 20 acres in order to build. Both properties are slightly over five acres parcels. Michael Green, the person offering to purchase the properties, said he is aware of the 20-acre requirement. He has been looking for additional properties to purchase to make up the 20 acres. Mr. Green said he has been out to the property and said it is difficult to find the corner stakes. Discussion was held on possible surveying.

Mr. Green offered \$3,000 for each property. The Court countered the offer at \$3,500 per property. Mr. Green agreed to the counter offer. Mr. Blaine discussed the earnest money agreement and the deeds that would be written up and be presented for signature. Two separate checks will be written for earnest money in the amount of \$350 each. The paperwork will be finalized when the balance is paid for both properties. Judge McCabe explained that Mr. Green would have to own 20 acres before it was buildable, but the 20 acres need not be contiguous.

**Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to counter the offer to purchase at \$3,500 per lot with 10 percent (\$350) down per lot. When that is received, County Counsel will have deed paperwork drafted for Court signature. Judge McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

**Addition—Letter of support for COTA to Forest Service supporting trail system**

Darlene Henderson, member of the Crook County Chapter of the Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA) explained the background of COTA. COTA initially began 20 years ago. In 2013, a chapter was started in Crook County. In identifying trails for the Central Oregon area, a priority is in the Ochoco National Forest. COTA has drafted a proposal for a multiuse non-motorized trail, creating 75 miles of trail for hiking, equestrian and bicycles. Ms. Henderson said they believe it is an asset to our community and to the community's economic development.

The letter of support for this COTA project has been reviewed by the County Court.

**Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to approve signing the letter of support as requested for the COTA project in the Ochoco National Forest. Judge McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

At this time, the Court took a few minutes to sign the partition plats.

At 6:40 p.m., Judge McCabe adjourned the Court out of Open Session and into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Consultation and ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property.

**Executive Session**

**ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property**

**ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Consultation**

Judge McCabe convened the Court into executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property and ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Consultation. The Court and County Counsel discussed both issues. At 7:25 p.m., Judge McCabe adjourned the County Court out of Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property and ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Consultation and back into Open Session.

**Open Session**

Judge McCabe convened the Court into Open Session and invited members of the public back into the Open Session.

**Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to direct staff to continue negotiations as discussed in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property. Judge McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

**Motion**

Commissioner Crawford moved to direct staff to gather more information regarding the matter discussed in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consultation. Judge McCabe seconded the motion. The vote was 2-0, motion carried.

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There being no additional action items to be acted upon before the Court, Judge McCabe adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Ferguson*

Crook County Court Secretary