

**Crook County Court  
Work Session  
October 13, 2020**

Judge Crawford opened the Work Session at 9:00 a.m. All Court members and Legal staff were in attendance plus Webex/ Virtual participants.

**COVID-19 Update**

Public Health Director Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown presented an update that included 7 active cases and 10 contacts that were being followed, 1 hospitalized individual. Discussion regarding the number of cases that could trigger a meeting with the school district on attending in-school.

**Weigand Bridge—Change of Easement**

County Roadmaster Bob O’Neal presented information regarding the right of way purchased two months ago and the ODOT temporary easement needed on the north side of the Weigand Bridge project in order to construct the bridge. The slopes will be in the easement, so the easement will need to be a permanent easement, and there is a need to do a Right of Way acquisition. This will start the clock over, require a redo of the declaration and have Court signatures again. He presented information on the profile of the bridge. The new agreement with ODOT will be reviewed by County Counsel, and Mr. O’Neal said there will be no problem obtaining property owned by the Waibels.

**Consider request from Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) regarding funding assistance**

Judge Crawford presented this matter stating that road funds were wrongly used by AOC a couple of years ago. Now \$8,000 , half this year and half next July, must come out of the County budget to make AOC whole. There was questionable management in the AOC organization in recent years. Commissioner Brummer explained the formula used for the costs of AOC participation per county.

**Transfer of County Vehicles to the Airport**

Commissioner Barney discussed the transfer of two vehicles from the County Motor Pool to the Airport. This would be a 2005 Dodge Durango and a 2007 Jeep Cherokee. The title and VIN information will be sent to Finance.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Barney moved and Commissioner Brummer seconded to moved two vehicles from the County Motor Pool to the Airport. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

**Additional Item: Agreement with City of Prineville**

Commissioner Barney discussed the 2019 agreement between the County and the City of Prineville for the work on the exploratory project for wells on County property. The City may wish to extend the Contract. Discussion was held on entertaining the notice of the extension for the well drilling contract. There is also a contract from 2017 for power lines and right of ways and the County would like to keep the two agreements separate.

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Following the completion of the discussion items on the agenda, Judge Crawford adjourned the Court into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) consulting with Counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed and ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

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The Court and Counsel discussed a road that was accepted but not maintained by the County, the problems with the road's steep grades and the dispute between BLM and the property owners at the time.

**ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of conducting deliberations with persons designated by governing body to negotiate real property transactions**

Planning Director Ann Beier discussed a request received from a Solar project for an additional laydown acreage lease.

Following the completion of the Executive Session discussions, Judge Crawford adjourned the Executive Session and convened the Court into Open Work Session, inviting members of the public back into the meeting room.

**OPEN WORK SESSION**

Regarding the first matter discussed in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal, there is no action to be taken.

Regarding the seconded matter discussed under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Estate, a motion is required.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Brummer moved, and Commissioner Barney seconded to correspond with the counter party as discussed in Executive Session. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Judge Crawford adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson  
Crook County Court Secretary.