

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021 WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on February 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Court Members Present: Judge Seth Crawford, Commissioner Jerry Brummer and Commissioner Brian Barney

Absentees: None

Others Present in Person or Via WebEx: Legal Counsel John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistant Amy Albert; Paralegal Regina Paul; Fairgrounds Manager Casey Daly; Health Department Director Muriel Delavergne-Brown; Manager Kim Herber; District Attorney Wade Whiting; Natural Resources Tim Deboodt; Senior Accountant Janet Pritskutch; Sheriff John Gautney and Duane Gardner.

WORK SESSION

The meeting was **called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

ADDITIONS/REMOVALS: None

Agenda Item #1, COVID-19 Update: Health Department Director Muriel Delavergne-Brown provided the Court with a Covid-19 up. Crook County is still in the extreme category, although cases are on the decline. A vaccination clinic is being held at the fairgrounds every Tuesday, facilitating members of the community to receive their Covid-19 vaccination.

Agenda Item #2, Fairgrounds – Budget and Actuals Presentation: Fairgrounds Manager Casey Daly presented the Court with the mid-year budget for the fairgrounds. Currently the fairgrounds budget is close to fifty percent, though there have been some budget setbacks as most of the fairground’s revenue is from hosting events. The materials and services budget were increased due to needed repairs from a spring windstorm. The fairgrounds did receive a sponsorship from Pape Group, Inc. for the renaming of the Susan Pape Arena which helped bring an influx of cash to the budget.

Agenda Item #3, Letter to OSP Medical Examiner Division to Request Appointment of Dr. Van Amburg as District Medical Examiner for Crook County: John Eisler presented the Court with a letter to Dr. Sean Hurst requesting the appointment of Dr. Jana Van Amburg as District Medical Examiner for Crook County. Mr. Eisler explained that he and District Attorney Wade Whiting have contacted Dr. Van Amburg, who is currently the medical examiner for Deschutes County, but is interested in becoming the Medical Examiner for Crook County as well. Mr. Whiting went on to explain that Crook County has been without a medical examiner for nine months creating a backlog of unsigned death certificates, slowing processes for the District Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Office,

funeral homes and families of the deceased. Appointment of Dr. Van Amburg as Crook County Medical Examiner will cost the County five hundred dollars more per month than is currently being spent but will put a stop to the accumulation of death certificates and allow the Sheriff's Department to have a medical examiner on scene if needed.

MOTION to approve the letter to Dr. Sean Hurst for the appointment of Dr. Jana Van Amburg as district medical examiner. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item #4, House on Twelfth Street: Facilities Manager Jeremy Thamert presented the Court with two options for the sale of the foreclosed upon Twelfth Street property. The first option would be to clear the debris from the home and sale the property with the structure as is, the estimated net from the proceeds is twenty-six thousand dollars. Option two would be to clear the debris from the home and remove the structure, the estimated net from the proceeds is forty-six thousand. After gathering several quotes for removal of the structure Mr. Thamert felt the best value to the County was for Bond Pole Barn and Fencing Company to remove the structure at a cost of nine thousand dollars. The estimate includes demolition of the structure, removal of debris, permits and electrical disconnect. The Court agreed with Mr. Thamert's assessment that the best value to the County would be to remove the structure by contracting with Bond Pole Barn and Fencing Company.

MOTION to approve the proposal of Bond Pole Barn and Fencing Company for the demolition and removal of building not to exceed nine thousand dollars. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Scheduled

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 9:52 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert