

**CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF JULY 12, 2023, WORK SESSION
Open Portion**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a regularly scheduled Work Session on July 12, 2023, 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 Zoom: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistant Sarah Puerner; Director Kim Barber; Assistant Finance Director Christina Haron, Sheriff Gautney; Commander Bill Elliott; Kelly Coffelt; Tim Deboodt; Mike Ervin; Andy Parks; Jeff Hurd, and Wanda Smith.

WORK SESSION

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

Public Comment: None

Discussion Item #1: Discuss/Review Airport FBO Proposal:

Requester: Kelly Coffelt

Details: Airport Manager Kelly Coffelt attended the work session to discuss/review the Airport FBO Proposal. The FBO (fixed base operator) proposal is to provide fuel and aviation services. Based on budget review, providing these services through a contractor will provide a net gain in airport revenue and provide aviation services that are not currently available. The agreement is not completed yet and will aim to bring this back in front of the Court at an August date.

Discussion Item #2: Amendment to the Septage Plant agreement between Crook County and Two Springs Ranch:

Requester: Jeff Hurd

Details: Jeff Hurd attended the work session to discuss an amendment to the septage plant agreement between Crook County and Two Springs Ranch. Two Springs Ranch has operated the septage plant at the County Landfill since 2009 in which Two Springs Ranch utilizes tanks to receive liquid waste (septic tanks, grease traps, porta potties) and then treat and land apply. Two Springs Ranch is increasing their fee to the individual haulers; therefore, the contract needs to be amended. The agreement will be changed to increase the fee by 1.5 cents from 11 cents to 12.5 cents. Two Springs Ranch will receive one additional cent and the County will receive 0.05 additional cents. This item will be placed on the July 19th Consent Agenda for final approval.

Discussion Item #3: Secure Rural Schools (Title III) Allocation Elections:

Requester: Christina Haron

Details: Assistant Finance Director Christina Haron attended the work session to

discuss Secure Rural Schools (Title III) allocation elections. Each year the County is required to make an election for the allocation of the Secure Rural Schools Act payment allocated to Crook County. The allocation divides the funds between Title I (Schools and Public Roads in the County), Title II (Special Project funds which the Federal Government keeps), and Title III (County Funds to be used as authorized by law). This year the County has an additional option to elect to receive 25% of the 7-year rolling average of USFS annual timber harvest receipts or their portion of the Secure Rural Schools Act State Funds. This decision will affect the dollars received from the state for the Schools, Public Roads, and Title III. County Court decided to continue with the Secure Rural Schools Act payment and to continue with the current percentages. This item will be added to a future Court meeting for final approval.

At 9:28 a.m. the Court read into Executive Session under the following statute(s): 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the County Court convened back into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

MOTION to direct staff to confer with the counter party as discussed in the Executive Session. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:28 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner