

Crook County Court 3/6/24

Public comment

I want to thank the staff, Administrator and commissioners for all the hard work that has been accomplished due to their diligence and professionalism. Staff great work on the Budget and planning presentations. I spent the weekend reviewing the videos that were provided for the meetings that I wasn't able to attend. Finance, keep up the great work, I know that implementing new software and systems is a major undertaking and you are doing it on top of all of your existing duties. Keep going and see it through as the end results will be transformative.

Judge Crawford. Over a year ago you voted with the commissioners to bring in Mr. Parks in order to get the Administrator roll established and to help get the county headed down the right path. At that time, I thought you finally realized this position needs far more experience, knowledge and capability than what any one elected official could bring to the table. In Sept. of last year at a work session the commissioners called you out for what I took as you working at every turn to undermine the progress that would bring our county into the future. In my opinion you have worked to undermine this effort.

Last week at the county planning sessions you made it clear that you wanted to now be a part of the hiring of directors and maybe other positions. Why Now? You have been in the current role for almost 7 years and you were a commissioner for 6 years.

In the private sector and honestly in any organization I've ever been a part of, this would have not been acceptable. You are paid far too much money for the citizens of crook county to allow such blatant waste of our funds. The county has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last few years to pay for consultants to do your job for you. Unacceptable!!

You are the 2nd highest paid public official in the County commissioner / Judge position in the state of Oregon. You are also paid more than the governor.

I've heard you say you don't want to Deschutes, Crook County. So please explain how you make more money than any one commissioner with exception to Multnomah County? I think you are doing a pretty good job of trying to make Crook County more like Multnomah County than Deschutes.

Multnomah county Commissioner (Chair) Makes \$217,861 + benefits per year

Multnomah county commissioners make \$131,162 year No stipends

Washington County Chair \$138,142 and no stipends

Judge \$133,141 plus \$6000 year stipends \$139,141 + benefits (\$186,000)

Since 2017 Your base pay has increased 69% (\$40,390)

So, in closing I ask that the commissioners take this information to heart. I ask that you continue to improve our county and I ask that you please consider making the changes in structure and pay in order to make sure all of the hard work, and money spent isn't flushed away.

Thank you,