

**CROOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2024
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Committee meeting on May 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the COCC Crook County Open Campus, located at 510 SE Lynn Blvd, Prineville, OR, 97754.

Board Members Present: Commissioner Seth Crawford, Commissioner Brian Barney, and Commissioner Susan Hermreck

Absentees: None

Budget Committee Members: Scott Tibbs, William Anderson, and Stephen Brown

Others Present in Person or Via Zoom: Administrative Executive Assistant Sarah Puerner; Budget Analyst Jamie Berger; Finance Director Christina Haron; Accounting Manager Lisa Neuberger; Road Superintendent Brad Haynes; Community Development Director Will Van Vactor; Fairgrounds Manager Casey Daly; Natural Resources Policy Coordinator Tim Deboodt; Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb; Shop Mechanic Jake Zapf; Fleet Supervisor Robert George; Library Director Sarah Beeler; Library Operations Manager Cindy York; Airport Manager Kelly Coffelt; Weed Master Thomas Laird; Operations Manager Katrina Weitman; Landfill Manager Jacquie Davis; Treasurer Galan Carter; Administrative Assistant Mona Glade; Contract County Administrator Andy Parks, Monty Kurtz and members of the public.

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The meeting was **called to order May 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

William Anderson opened the budget committee meeting.

Finance Director Christina Haron and Budget Analyst Jamie Berger provided the Budget Committee with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025. The PowerPoint included a summary of each department's budget, resources and expenditures, any changes as well as any highlights to report.

Items discussed were: Special Revenue Funds (Clerk Special Revenue Fund; Community College Education Center Fund; Crook County School Fund; Risk Management Fund; Special Transportation Fund; Surveyor Fund; Taylor Grazing Fund; Title III Fund; Tourism Fund; Video Lottery Fund); Department presentations from Health and Human Services, Veterans Services, Road Department, Community Development, Library, Fairgrounds, Airport, Landfill, and Weed Control; Capital Projects Fund; Capital Asset Reserve Fund; and Debt Service Fund.

William Anderson opened the public hearing for public comment. With no public comments received, the public hearing was closed.

The Budget Committee discussed the creation of a Community Support fund to use for the fiscal year 2025 for discretionary purposes on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. In addition, there was discussion about the future financial situation within the Sheriff's Office and the Fairgrounds.

The Budget Committee, having no further presentations or discussions, proceeded with the recommended motions.

MOTION to recommend given that the current budget anticipates a 4.5% property tax increase spread across the departments, proposing that any overage above and beyond that 4.5% be allocated specifically to the Sheriff's Department and anticipate the Finance Department over the course of the fiscal year 2025 to develop a recommended methodology of funding the future shortfalls in the current Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION to have a mid-year budget meeting in January. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION to move that the budget committee of Crook County, Oregon approve the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as amended in the amount of \$140,502,000. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION to move that the budget committee of Crook County, Oregon approve property taxes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$3.8702 per thousand of assessed value for the permanent tax rate levy in the amount of \$619,000 for the general obligation levy. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business before the Budget Committee, the meeting was **adjourned at 12:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Puerner