

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANT**

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June 15th, 2022 – Regular Meeting of the County Court

Pursuant to notice made to the newspaper of general circulation throughout Grant County, the radio station, county website, and e-mail distribution list, a regular meeting of the County Court was held at the County Courthouse in Canyon City, OR.

9:02 am -- Call to Order. Present were Judge Scott W. Myers, Commissioners Jim Hamsher and Sam Palmer, Administrative Assistant Laurie Stinnett, Commissioner-elect John Rowell, Blue Mountain Eagle Reporter John Rowell, Training Employment Consortium Career Specialist Sunshine Smarr. A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the United States Flag. An invocation was given by Jim Boethin.

CLAIMS: The court approved claims and extension district warrants #141-148.

HAND CHECKS: The court approved outside of normal claims day, checks #64054 and 64708.

AGENDA. Two items are requested for addition to the agenda: 1. Review and signature of claims took place at 8:00 a.m. on June 15th; 2. The upcoming Budget Hearing is set for June 24th at 8:55 a.m. **MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to accept the agenda with the addition of today’s claims and notice of the June 24th, 8:55 a.m. Budget Hearing.**

MINUTES. Minutes of June 1st, 2022. **MSP: Hamsher/Palmer – to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022 as presented. Approval unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 22-19. In the Matter of the Reduction of Weekly Work Hours of Regular 40 Hour per Week Employees. This resolution addresses the action taken by the County Court in response to the 2022-23 Budget Committee meetings where it was determined that a fiscal emergency exists within the county. At the conclusion of the final budget meeting of June 7th, 2022, a motion was made and passed to approve the reduction in funding hours of all general fund 40 hour employees to 32 hours per week. Accruals and benefits will not be altered. The days of operation for courthouse offices were decided to be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, beginning June 27th, 2022. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve and circulate the resolution for signature. Voting yes: Judge Myers, Commissioner Palmer; Voting no: Commissioner Hamsher.** Myers said this would affect 18-19 employees, but that freezing the COLA would not have “cut it”, and taking action to reduce hours has allowed us to keep our

doors open. Commissioner-elect John Rowell said that we have to find a way to make ourselves financially sound.

9:10 am Tory Stinnett entered
9:13 am Charlene Morris entered
9:14 John Morris entered

SUBDIVISION PLAT. Mike Springer brought to the Court a subdivision plat for the City of Seneca, identified as the Edward Hines industrial subdivision. The property was sold by the city of Seneca to a private party, who is subdividing the property. There is no change in the zoning. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve and sign the subdivision plat as presented. Approval unanimous.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Economic Development Director Tory Stinnett has accepted the placement of a youth applicant to serve as an intern through the summer. They will gain work experience and skills, and will be involved in document scanning, attending meetings and learning marketing skills. The applicant was placed through Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) Career Specialist Sunshine Smarr. Smarr gave details of the Work Experience Program policies, including wages, insurance coverage and duration of placement.

FAIRGROUNDS VANDALISM AND JOB OPENINGS. KEY CODE LOCK SYSTEM. Fairgrounds Manager Mindy Winegar said they would like to purchase a key-code lock system to limit the recent vandalism in the RV park restrooms. Restrooms would remain open during public Fair events. Hamsher said this system has been effective at Depot Park in Prairie City. The RV budget line will fund the purchase. **MSP: Hamsher/Palmer – to approve the purchase of a key card lock system for the RV park restrooms. Approval unanimous. JOB APPLICATIONS.**

Winegar would like to open the part-time fairgrounds assistant positions to county employees who have experienced the recent reduction in hours. Positions available are Friday for 8 hours and Monday through Thursday for two hours per day. The openings would be offered to all county employees at the Fairgrounds wage scale. **MSP: Hamsher/Palmer – to approve the request to open part-time Fairgrounds positions to county employees. Approval unanimous.** Hamsher made note of the positive feedback about the grounds and facilities during the Cattlemen’s conference at the Fairgrounds.

9:45 am Break for 10 minutes
9:55 am Reconvene

RESOLUTION 22-20. The Court has gone through the Extension District budget process and hearing. This resolution is to adopt the Extension and 4-H budget for the new fiscal year. **MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve and sign Resolution 22-20, adopting the Extension District and 4-H Budget for the fiscal year 2022-23. Approval unanimous.**

9:57 am Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Stinnett
Administrative Assistant

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