

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

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June 29th, 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.

9:00 am -- Call to Order. Present were Judge Scott W. Myers, Commissioners Jim Hamsher and Sam Palmer, Administrative Assistant Laurie Stinnett, Reporter Steven Mitchell, Airport Manager Haley Walker, Sheriff Todd McKinley, Human Resources Manager Laurie Cates, Undersheriff Zach Mobley, Corrections Sergeant Josh Wolf, Treasurer Julie Ellison. A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the United States Flag.

AGENDA. The agenda was approved with the exception of approval of the minutes of June 24th, which will be submitted at the next court meeting. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve the agenda with the exception of the minutes of June 24th, 2022. Approval unanimous.**

MINUTES. The Court approved the minutes from June 9th and 15th with the following corrections to June 15: 1) John Rowell was incorrectly listed as a reporter 2) on page two, third paragraph, last sentence, “not” should read “note”. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve the minutes with corrections. Approval unanimous.**

MODA HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The yearly renewal of MODA medical coverage included increases in overall cost and out-of-pocket caps. Vision and dental policies remain unchanged. The out-of-pocket maximum was increased from \$2000 to \$3000. Taking the out-of-pocket increase resulted in a lower overall plan increase of 7.5%, rather than 10% plus. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve the new out-of-pocket cost of \$3000 maximum. Approval unanimous.**

9:26 am Reporter Logan Baggett entered

AIRPORT. COMMISSIONER VACANCY Airport Manager Haley Walker asked for advertisement and early appointment, if necessary, to fill a recent vacancy on the Airport Commission and alleviate quorum issues. It was noted that the vacancy is currently being advertised.

RUNWAY INDEPENDENT FEE ESTIMATE (IFE) Walker requested approval for the IFE with Century West Engineering for the Runway 17/35 Widening and Reconstruction Design Project.

The estimate is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The \$3,500 cost for the IFE is 100% reimbursable through the FAA. When completed, the contract will be presented to the Court prior to commencement of work.

MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve an Independent Fee Estimate with Century West Engineering for the Runway Design Project. Approval unanimous. RUNWAY MATCHING

GRANT Walker requested signature for the Connect Oregon VIII Grant Agreement to provide matching funds for the Runway 17/35 Widening and Rehabilitation-Construction Project. This is scheduled to take place during the FAA's 2023 fiscal year. Total estimated project cost is \$7,277,778; the FAA will fund 90% or \$6,550,000 of the project; the required 10% or \$727,778 of matching funds will be provided by the Connect Oregon VIII grant. No local funding will be required by the airport or Grant County. Walker provided further details of the justification for the project, with which the FAA concurs. The application has been reviewed and approved by County legal counsel. **MSP: Palmer/Hamsher – to approve the grant and single signature of Judge Myers. Approval unanimous.**

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE AS NEEDED Walker asked for approval to present additional documents pertaining to the Connect Oregon VIII Grant for review and signature by Judge Myers as needed. **MSP: Palmer/Myers – to approve the request for additional signature as needed for Connect Oregon VIII Grant documents. Approval unanimous.**

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. Corrections Sergeant Josh Wolf submitted the department's Public Records Request form for approval by the Court as part of their Oregon State Sheriff's Association yearly inspection process. **MSP: Myers/Palmer -- to approve for signature and implementation of policy when determined by legal counsel to be without error or omission. Approval unanimous.**

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUVENILE DEPARTMENT. Juvenile Director Cindy Tirico presented a request for department personnel to participate in upcoming training titled "Project Leap", which makes use of evidence-based practices to "activate" parents in taking steps to help their child. The training is being offered to test its success when used in a justice setting. It is offered to the department at no cost and includes return funding provided as a thank you to participating departments. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve Project Leap training for Juvenile Probation Officers. Approval unanimous.**

RESOLUTIONS. Judge Myers read all resolutions in their entirety. **RESOLUTION 22-22** Senior Citizens Fund- Intrafund Transfer from Materials and Services to Personnel Services in the amount of \$3000. **MSP: Hamsher/Palmer – to approve Resolution 22-22 and circulate for signature. Approval unanimous. RESOLUTION 22-23** Courthouse and Co Buildings- Intrafund Transfer from Personnel Services to Materials and Services in the amount of \$1500. **MSP: Myers/Hamsher – to approve Resolution 22-23 and circulate for signature. Approval unanimous. RESOLUTION 22-24.** Airport Fund- Intrafund Transfer from Materials and Services to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$560. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve Resolution 22-24**

and circulate for signature. Approval unanimous. RESOLUTION 22-25. The County Court reviewed the 2022-23 Budget, which provides for a tax rate of \$2.8819 per \$1000 of assessed value for general operation of all taxable property within Grant County. **MSP: Myers/Palmer – to approve Resolution 22-25 for the adoption of the 2022-23 Grant County Budget as presented and circulate for signature. Approval unanimous.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Judge Myers performed a wedding on June 14th at Holliday Park; noted that claims were signed on June 22nd; performed a wedding on the Canyon City footbridge on June 23rd; held a Budget Hearing on June 24th; attended the Board of Directors meeting for Community Connections of Northeast Oregon and was re-elected as vice-chair on June 28th and noted that today's meeting is now designated as a regular meeting of the county court, held on the last Wednesday of each fiscal year. He noted that the next County Court meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th.

Commissioner Palmer attended the Budget Hearing; attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) and took part in a discussion with conveners of the Blues Intergovernmental Council (BIC).

Commissioner Hamsher took part in the Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) board meeting; Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) meeting where they talked about lending support of a letter opposing the removal of dams; took part in a White House briefing call, a Public Safety meeting with the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), a call with Business Oregon, a call with Judge Crawford of Crook County about the composting site in Prairie City and had a discussion about wolf issues with Commissioner Nash of Wallowa County.

9:25 am Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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