

Crook County Board of County Commissioners Minutes of July 15, 2026, Regular Session

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Board of County Commissioners met in a Regular Session on July 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Crook County Annex Meeting Room, located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Regular Session Agenda

Board Members Present: Seth Crawford, Brian Barney

Board Members Absent: Susan Hermreck

Others Present in Person or Via Zoom: County Manager Will Van Vactor; Executive Assistant Breyanna Cupp; County Counsel Eric Blaine; Finance Director Christina Haron; Landfill Director Jacquie Davis; Health and Human Services Director Katie Plumb; Assessor Jon Soliz; Assessment Technician Elsie Ray; Natural Resources Coordinator Tim Deboodt; IT Director Blaine Cheney; Ashley McCormick; Julie Thompson; Jessica Barnes; Triangle; Crystal Irish; and members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 AM.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes
2. Approval of Amended & Restated 2025-2027 IGA for the Financing of Public Health Services Agreement #185807-9

MOTION: Brian Barney moved to approve the consent agenda. Seth Crawford seconded. No discussion. Seth Crawford votes Aye, Brian Barney votes Aye. Motion Passed 2-0.

Discussion

3. Treasurer's Report for June 2026

Requester:

Christina Haron, Crook County Finance Director

Presenter(s):

Christina Haron, Crook County Finance Director

Details: Finance Director Christina Haron attended the Regular Session to present the Treasurer's Report as of June 30th, reviewing bank and investment account balances, general ledger balances, and the variance between book and bank balances, which

was attributed to outstanding checks and deposits in transit. Christina also summarized the allocation of pooled cash across County funds, provided an overview of investment allocations and values, and noted that investments are managed in accordance with the Crook County Investment Policy and ORS 294, with investments generally held to maturity to reduce risk and provide stable returns. The report concluded with a summary of current interest earnings in the Local Government Investment Pool savings accounts. The report was presented for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

4. Signature Request for IGA with the Oregon Water Resources Department for the Assistant Watermaster

Requester:

Christina Haron, Crook County Finance Director

Presenter(s):

Christina Haron, Crook County Finance Director

Details: Finance Director Christina Haron attended the Regular Session presented the proposed IGA with the Oregon Water Resources Department for Assistant Watermaster services for the July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 period. Christina noted that the Department requested an increase in funding; however, no increase was included in the adopted budget, and the agreement will remain at the current annual contribution of \$46,250.

Christina Haron and County Counsel Eric Blaine reviewed that the IGA supports Watermaster services for the Deschutes Basin under ORS 540.045 and OAR 690-250, with County funding contributing toward a portion of salary, benefits, payroll expenses, supplies, and IT services. Discussion was held regarding the value received from the agreement, the role and responsibilities of the Assistant Watermaster, and whether the County's contribution provides sufficient benefit relative to the cost. Board members requested additional information and supported developing a report outlining the services provided, County involvement, and the overall value of the agreement. County Manager Will Van Vactor will begin gathering information and report back to the Board. The Board expressed support for proceeding with the current IGA for the upcoming fiscal year while additional review and discussions take place.

MOTION: Brian Barney moved to approve the IGA Oregon Water Resources Department in Crook County. Seth Crawford seconded. No discussion. Seth Crawford votes Aye, Brian Barney votes Aye. Motion Passed 2-0.

Manager Report

None

Commissioner Updates

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

5. None scheduled.

MOTION: Brian Barney moved to Adjourn. Seth Crawford seconded. No discussion. Seth Crawford votes Aye, Brian Barney votes Aye. Motion Passed 2-0.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was **adjourned at 09:10 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Breyanna Cupp, Executive Assistant