

Crook County Board of County Commissioners Minutes of July 10, 2026, Special Session

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Board of County Commissioners met in a Special Session on July 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Crook County Annex Meeting Room, located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Special Session Agenda

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

Board Members Absent:

Others Present in Person or Via Zoom: County Manager Will Van Vactor; Executive Assistant Breyanna Cupp; Legal Assistant Alex Solterbeck; County Counsel Eric Blaine; Undersheriff Bill Elliott; and members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 02:00 PM.

County Counsel Eric Blaine reviewed the agenda for the special meeting and agreed that several items—including the Manager's Report, Public Comment, and Commissioner Updates—were not necessary for the special meeting. By consensus, those items were postponed to the Commission's next regular meeting. No formal motion was required.

Public Comment

None

Discussion

1. Consider Approval of County Comments Letter Regarding Proposed OMB Grant Administration Rule Changes (Docket No. OMB-2026-0034)

Requester:

Will Van Vactor, County Manager

Presenter(s):

Will Van Vactor, County Manager

Eric Blaine, County Counsel

Christina Haron, Finance Director

Details: County Manager Will Van Vactor attended the Special Session and presented a draft comment letter regarding proposed revisions to 2 CFR Part 200, developed in response to the Commission's earlier work session. The letter reflects the Commission's discussion by supporting accountability and responsible stewardship of federal funds while requesting clearer standards and practical safeguards for local governments administering grants in good faith. The letter outlines concerns about expanded authority to terminate grants or stop work orders, unclear requirements affecting public facilities, undefined compliance and cost allowability standards, and pre-award affiliation reviews that could create financial and operational risks for rural

counties. It also expresses support for the proposed multi-year grant award concept. Will recommended a minor correction to change the reference from "three areas of particular concern" to "five areas." Commissioners expressed support for the letter, commended staff for presenting a balanced approach with practical examples, and agreed it effectively acknowledged both the benefits and concerns of the proposed federal rule changes.

MOTION: Susan Hermreck moved to approve Comments on Proposed Rule Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance to CFR Part 200 and to highlight on page two to change the word from "three" to "five." Brian Barney seconded. No discussion. Seth Crawford votes Aye, Susan Hermreck votes Aye, Brian Barney votes Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.

Recording Note: During the meeting, the video recording was discontinued due to inappropriate conduct by an online participant that disrupted the proceedings. The meeting continued via audio only following the interruption.

Manager Report

None

Commissioner Updates

None

Executive Session

2. None scheduled.

MOTION: Brian Barney moved to Adjourn. Susan Hermreck seconded. No discussion. Seth Crawford votes Aye, Susan Hermreck votes Aye, Brian Barney votes Aye. Votes Motion Passed 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was **adjourned at 02:07 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Breyanna Cupp, Executive Assistant