

June 30, 2025

### **Statement for the Record – Budget Committee Meeting Notice Compliance**

As the Budget Officer for the Crook County Road Agency, I am providing this statement to comply with the requirements of ORS 294.451 and to formally explain a notice issue related to the June 16, 2025, Budget Committee meeting.

On June 5, 2025, Crook County staff, on behalf of the Crook County Road Agency, sought to publish notice of the Budget Committee meeting consistent with the requirements of Oregon Local Budget Law. The intent was that the County would both post the notice on its website and submit it to the Central Oregonian for publication.

The notice was published in the Central Oregonian on June 10, 2025, satisfying the newspaper publication requirement. However, due to an administrative oversight, the online posting of the notice did not occur until June 12, 2025—four days prior to the meeting. ORS 294.426 requires that the notice be published on the internet at least 10 days before the Budget Committee meeting, so the timing of the web posting did not meet that statutory requirement.

This delay in online publication was not within the Road Agency’s control. The Road Agency timely scheduled the Budget Committee meeting and the County, a separate legal entity, was responsible for ensuring timely notice. The Road Agency acted in good faith and with the expectation that the required postings would be completed in accordance with the law.

Following consultation with the Oregon Department of Revenue, we were advised that because the Road Agency made a good faith effort to comply with the public notice requirements—and because the failure to timely post online was attributable to another entity’s administrative error—the Budget Committee meeting held on June 16 could proceed and its actions remain valid.

This statement will be included in the official record and is being presented here today.

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