



# **CROOK COUNTY WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 9:00 am**

**Crook County Administration Conference Room I 203 NE Court St. I  
Prineville OR**

Members of the public and media are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom: Phone: 1-253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 962 4214 4333; Passcode: 970900

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Please note that each speaker is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. This guideline helps ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to speak.*

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. BestCare Program & Community Update**

Requester: Melissa Thompson

Presenters:

Melissa Thompson, Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Angela Cumming, Behavioral Health Director

### **2. OSU Extension Program Update: Horticulture & Master Gardeners**

Requester: Rebecca Keegan

Presenter: Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Extension

### **3. Review and approve changes to County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee Bylaws**

Requester: Tim Deboodt

Coordinator of NRAC

### **4. Treasurer's Report for July 2025**

Requester: Christina Haron

Finance Director

### **5. Update on Transportation Systems Plan, Transportation Safety Action Plan, and Juniper Canyon Community Meeting**

Requester: John Eisler

Community Development Director

# **MANAGER REPORT**

## **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

\*None Scheduled\*

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Additional items may be discussed that arise too late to be included as a part of this notice. For information about adding agenda items, please contact the County Administration office at 447-6555. Assistance to handicapped individuals is provided with advance notice.

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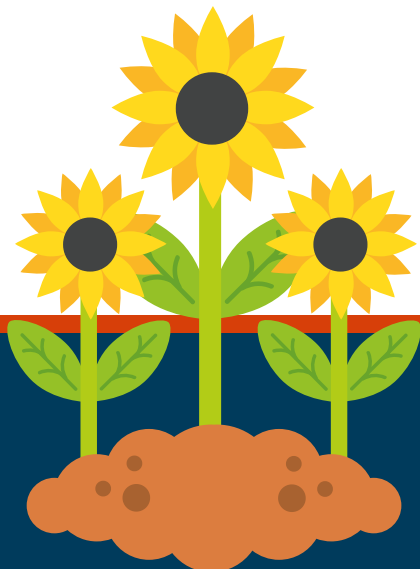
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## Rachel Humpert

38 new volunteers were trained  
with 20 getting fully certified  
108 total local Master Gardeners  
3 demonstration gardens  
2 community gardens  
45 community events  
814 lbs of produce donated  
3143 people reached by  
volunteers  
6796 volunteer hours valued at  
\$224,879 and 3.2 FTE

## Local Gardening Publications



Attendees and volunteers at the High Desert Garden Tour in Crook County.

**Our Local Need:** Central Oregon is consistently the fastest growing region in the state with many newcomers from other areas of the country and different growing environments. All three counties are experiencing significant growth with an increased demand for gardening information specific to the high desert and related to growing local food.

**Program Highlights:** We successfully operated two community gardens ensuring **food security** in our community and donated 814 lbs. of food to Neighbor Impact. We **taught 21 classes** in the region via in person and on zoom specific to growing local food. We hosted 4 mobile plant clinics at community events. This year at Alpenglow Demonstration Garden we installed a **Native American** food and flower crop area in the cultural garden, including a currant and wild strawberries. We participated in a **Crook County on the Move** event, a local partner that inspires healthy living for underserved populations. We provided technical gardening support for the **Steins Pillar Elementary school garden** in Prineville. This year the **29th Annual High Desert Garden Tour** featured five sites in Crook County and had **305 attendees plus staff and volunteers**. Sites featured a wide array of gardening styles from firewise landscapes to large scale vegetable production. Master Gardener volunteers answered **496 questions to date** in our two plant clinics, at events and through AskExtension an online portal. We have 1140 clients receiving **Project Happy Apples** information to reduce codling moth populations and 1106 subscribers receiving the **High Desert Gardening newsletter**. All of these efforts have led to an increase in knowledge in all areas of food production and integrated pest management.



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# Community Horticulture

AMY JO DETWEILER

Professor and Extension Horticulturist

LISA COWAN

Outreach Program Coordinator

RACHEL HUMPERT

Administrative Program Assistant



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# Community Horticulture

- Culture and care of plants from growing to planting to pest management.
- Develop, deliver, maintain, and evaluate a regional horticulture program using several types of delivery methods
- Work with all audiences in tri-county region
- Successful gardening

# Delivery Methods

- Plant Clinics (2)
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Media- radio
- Classes - online
- Social Media
- Demo Gardens
- Website
- Email



YouTube Studio interface showing channel content and playlist videos.

**Channel content**

- Your playlist: Gardening
- Details
- Videos
- Analytics

**Playlist videos**

- How to Build a Small Hot Compost Pile**  
Learn how to create a small, hot compost pile in your own backyard. 10:10
- Pruning Basics for Trees and Shrubs**  
Learn proper pruning technique, best timing, and which tools to use for landscape trees, conifers, and shrubs. 1:04:04
- Growing Vegetables in Central Oregon**  
Webinar will include the basics of growing vegetables in Central Oregon (Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties). Topics include climate and how the... 1:09:28
- Growing Berries in Central Oregon Project Update - Raspberries**  
Clare Sullivan, Central Oregon Small Farms Extension Agent, shares an update on her Western SARE Berry Trial comparing raspberries grown in the field and unde... 4:38
- Garden Picks with OSU Master Gardeners** 14:29

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# Public Value in our outreach





In 2025

- 35 trainees
- 86 returning



# Master Gardener Training

# Plant Clinic

- 343 Questions in Plant Clinic (67)
- AskExtension - 267
- Staff - 496

*“Thank you, Lisa, for the information. I LOVE the Extension Service! You folks always find an answer! Thanks again”*

*Glenda J. , Crook County Resident*



A green and white sign for the OSU Demonstration Garden. The top part is green with 'OSU' in white and 'Demonstration Garden' in white text. Below is a white section with text and a photo of purple flowers. The bottom is orange with the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association logo.

# OSU Demonstration Garden

Welcome to our garden where hundreds of perennials, trees, and shrubs are planted for your learning and enjoyment! Our collection demonstrates plants best suited to the high desert including those that may be water-wise, pollinator friendly, fire-resistant, native, or edible among other characteristics.

We start annuals and vegetables from seed in our greenhouse to be grown, trialed, harvested and donated throughout the season.

We also utilize a water-smart (weather-based) irrigation controller on site, and demonstrate a variety of season extension techniques, irrigation types, hardscaping and other sustainable landscape practices.

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OSU Demo Garden

Hollinshead Community Garden

Discovery Park Community Garden

Hollinshead Waterwise Garden

Alpenglow Demo Garden



# Produce donated

Discovery 6 lbs

OSU Demo 83.5 lbs

Hollinshead 725 lbs

Total: 814.5 lbs





# Backyard Food Production



## Growing Vegetables in Central Oregon Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties

EM 9128 • November 2015

Amy Jo Detweiler, Liz Douville, Vicky Kemp, and Toni Stephan



Behind the beauty of the High Desert are many environmental factors that create challenges for any gardener, from the novice to the expert. Learning how to work with these challenges can allow you to have a successful and beautiful garden. Some of the main factors that contribute to these difficulties are temperature, precipitation, soil types, elevation, USDA hardiness zones, and microclimates. This guide will provide you with gardening tips and techniques specific to Central Oregon so that you can have a more successful vegetable garden.

### Central Oregon's Climate and How It Relates to Gardening

Many people are attracted to semi-arid Central Oregon because of its many sunny days and clear nights. Interestingly, on the other hand, the ground and surface air cool phenomenon known as night frost which can lead to having frost year, even during the growing

During the growing season the nightly minimum temperature 40°F. Periodically, this happens hotter months of July and are especially susceptible to the summer months. If impact garden plants, more tender vegetable between 24°F and 32°F. Table 1 gives approximate frost-tolerant a garden. Frost-tolerant be damaged by a frost those that may be

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Master Gardener  
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## El Cultivo de Verduras en el Oregon Central los Condados de Crook, Deschutes y Jefferson

EM 9128-S • Agosto de 2016

Amy Jo Detweiler, Liz Douville, Vicky Kemp y Toni Stephan



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### El clima del Oregon central en relación con la jardinería

Los días soleados, las noches despejadas y el clima semiárido del Oregon central tienen mucho de atractivo. Lo interesante es que durante las noches de verano la temperatura del suelo y del aire cesa de conocer como el enfriamiento radiativo nocturno. Este fenómeno casi cualquier época del año, incluso durante la temporada de crecimiento.

No es raro ver temperaturas nocturnas inferiores a los 40 grados Fahrenheit (°F), incluso durante los meses cálidos de julio y agosto. Las altitudes mayores son las más susceptibles en estas zonas puede haber heladas incluso en verano. Las heladas frescas pueden dañar a las plantas, reduciendo tanto el crecimiento como el rendimiento. Durante la temporada de crecimiento, las temperaturas entre los 24 y 32 grados F pueden matar a las plantas sensibles. La tabla 1 (página 2) indica la fecha aproximada para la siembra o el trasplante de

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Amy Jo Detweiler, horticulturista de Extensión y profesora adjunta; Liz Douville, jardinera maestra; Vicky Kemp, jardinera maestra; Toni Stephan, educadora de Extensión en horticultura y granjas pequeñas, todas de Oregon State University.



# Classes-2025



16 classes – Growing veggies  
644 attendees (98)



Pruning Workshops (2)  
Waterwise Gardening –(2)  
Ecological Landscaping (2)  
Firewise Landscaping



Outside Requests –

School- Powell Butte (146)

2025  
**GARDEN EVENTS**  
Central Oregon Master Gardener Association  
**IN-PERSON CLASSES & EVENTS**

**FREE UNLESS NOTED**

**Seed Sowing and Transplanting**  
10 AM all locations: Jan. 25, Bend; Feb. 1, Madras; Feb. 8, Prineville; Feb. 15, Redmond; March 29, Sisters

**Growing Vegetables in Central Oregon**  
1 PM all locations: Jan. 25, Bend; Feb. 1, Madras; Feb. 8, Prineville; Feb. 15 and March 15, Redmond; March 29, Sisters

**Seed Saving and Storing**  
March 15 and Sept. 20, 10 AM, OSU Extension, Redmond.

**Growing Vegetables**  
May 2 & 3, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

**Container Gardening**  
May 2, 1 PM  
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

**Challenges of Central Oregon Climate**  
May 3, 1 PM  
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

**Preparing Your Garden for the Season: Soil & Plants**  
May 10, 9 AM, Hollinshead Park, Bend

**Cloche Building and Repair**  
May 17, 10 AM; Discovery Park, Bend

**June Garden Fair & Plant Sale**  
June 7, 9 AM  
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

**Helping Your Garden Thrive**  
June 21, 10 AM, OSU Extension, Redmond

**High Desert Garden Tour, \$10**  
July 19, 9 AM; various private homes in Bend

**Growing Great Garlic**  
July 19, 10:00 AM, Discovery Park, Bend

**Right Plant, Right Place**  
July 26, 10 AM, Alpenglow Demo Garden, Bend

**Let's Keep This Garden Growing**  
Aug. 23, 10 AM, OSU Extension, Redmond

**End of Season in the Garden,**  
Sept. 13, 10 AM, Hollinshead Park, Bend

**Putting Your Garden to Bed,**  
Oct. 11, 10 AM, Alpenglow Demo Garden

**ONLINE WEBINARS**  
**\$5 EACH; REGISTRATION OPENS MAR**

**Thriving in the High Desert: Gardening Ba Success**  
April 5, 10 AM

**Backyard Birds in the Garden**  
April 5, 1 PM

**How to Grow & Use Herbs From Your Gard**  
April 12, 10 AM

**Pursuing A Waterwise Landscape**  
April 12, 1 PM

**Landscape Design – Where to Start?**  
April 19, 1 PM

**Cactus Gardening in Cold Weather Climates**  
April 19, 10 AM

**Ecological Landscaping**  
April 26, 10 AM

**Plant for Pollinator Success**  
April 26, 1 PM

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# High Desert Garden Tour







# High Desert Garden Tour 2024





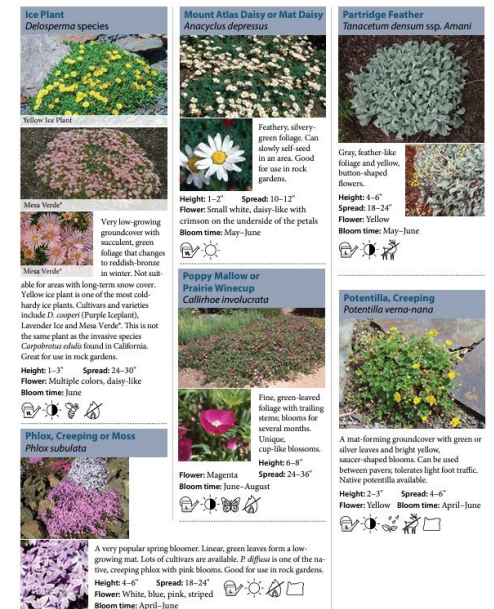
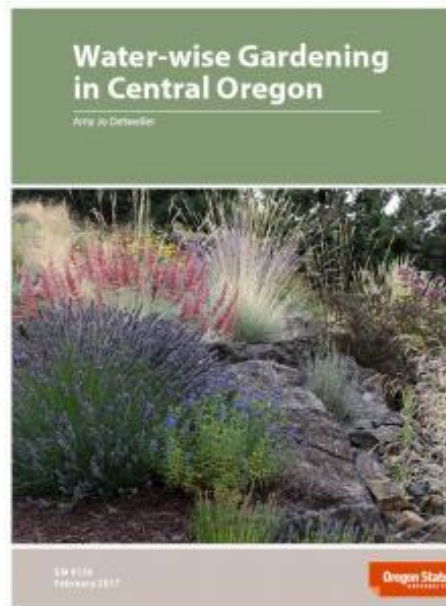


## Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes



**PNW** PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
EXTENSION PUBLISHING

PNW 590 | REVISED OCTOBER 2023  
View online: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw/pnw-590>



Groundcovers — Water-wise Gardening in Central Oregon / 41

# Sustainable Landscaping











# Trends for gardeners



Landscape plants: Use of natives, waterwise, pollinators



Food production: veggies and fruit trees



What's next – turf alternatives research, native plant guide



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## Section 1. Purpose

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## Section 2. Authority

The Committee is advisory to the Court, has no independent authority and cannot take action outside the scope of these bylaws.

## Section 3. Member Qualifications

The Committee shall be comprised of no less than nine (9) and up to 11 (eleven) county residents appointed by the Court.

- A. All members shall be registered voters of Crook County;
- B. The purpose of membership is to assure that expertise is represented, not the agency. If agency personnel are asked to serve, the Court will communicate to the agency the value that the representation brings to the Committee and that the Court understands the representation of expertise does not imply any authority by the individual to make decisions or commitments for the agency.

As a whole, the Committee must have both knowledge of all the resource issues in the County and a working knowledge of the coordination process.

- D. Members should have demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others of differing viewpoints and achieve good faith compromises.
- E. Members will be selected based on qualifications and ability to work collaboratively. It shall be the responsibility of the Court to ensure that the Committee has adequate geographic and resource interest representation.

## Section 4. Committee operation is under the direct supervision of the Coordinator

## Section 5. Term of Office & Recruitment of Members

- A. First term committee members shall serve until December 31, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2020, Court appointments to the Committee shall be for a term of four years. Members may also be removed by the Court as outlined in Section 6. Staggered terms will be assigned at first.
- B. In order to maintain the required diversity of expertise, vacancies on the Committee shall be

filled by Court appointees knowledgeable in those subject areas deemed essential by the Coordinator and the Committee to protect the broad-based interests of the County and its citizens. The Coordinator shall recruit members to fill those vacancies.

#### Section 6. Removal of Member

The County Court, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, may remove a member from the Committee. Before removal is made, the Court will contact the member concerned to discuss the issue/situation. Reasons for removal include, but are not limited to, abandonment of duties, two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from noticed meetings, acting in a non-advisory manner, and violations of the provisions in Oregon Government Ethics law in ORS Chapter 244 and Oregon Public Meetings law in ORS 192.

#### Section 7. Compensation and Budget

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

#### Section 8. Standard Operating Protocol

The Crook County Natural Resource Plan (County Order # 2017-74) is consistent with federal law. Nothing will be recommended to the Court that is inconsistent with the ordinance or "coordination" law as defined in Title 19, Chapter 19.02.010 through 19.02.080 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.

- A. It is expected that the Committee will show respect for the coordinating agencies' limited time and resources while expecting reasonable response time to questions and issues.
- B. In the role of Advisory Board members, contact with federal or state land management agencies will be coordinated through the Coordinator.
- C. The Chair, in consultation with the Coordinator, will appoint an "executive review" committee, as needed, to deal with comment/meeting deadlines.

#### Section 9. Officers

- A. **Time of Election.** At the first organizational meeting, the members of the Committee shall elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from among their members. The Secretary shall be the County Natural Resource Coordinator, unless the County Court designates an alternative employee or consultant to perform the functions.
- B. **Term.** The Chair and Vice-Chair nominated and elected at the initial meeting of the Committee shall begin their terms of office immediately upon election. Thereafter, the officers shall be nominated and elected in February of each year, beginning with 2019 and shall serve until their successors are elected and assume office. If the office of Chair becomes vacant during the term, the Vice-Chair shall become Chair.

Vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair during the term shall be filled by election by the Committee to serve the remainder of the term.

- C. Duties of Chair and Vice Chair.** The Chair, or the Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair, shall act as the presiding officer of the Committee and in that capacity shall preserve order and decorum, decide questions of order subject to being overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and perform such other duties as are required by these Bylaws, the resolution(s) of the Crook County Court creating and/or modifying the composition and charge of the Committee, or by vote of the Committee. The Chair shall have all the rights and duties enjoyed by any other member of the Committee, including the right to make and second motions.

#### Section 10. Meetings

- A. Date and time of Meetings.** Regular monthly meetings of the Committee shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Agendas.** The Crook County Court or designee shall prepare, post and otherwise give notice of the agenda and meeting location for each meeting in compliance with Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS Chapter 192).

#### Section 11. Conduct of Meetings

- A. Order of Business.** The regular order of business of the Committee may be:
- (1) Call to order.
  - (2) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - (3) Public comment.
  - (4) Consideration and action on Agenda Items.
  - (5) Public comment
  - (6) Adjournment.

In the event public comments exceed 15 minutes the Chair may continue public comment on to the end of the meeting if desired or limit the time of each speaker.

- B. Parliamentary Procedure.** Unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws or required by law, all proceedings before the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to the parliamentary procedure prescribed in the most recent addition of Robert's Rules of Order (*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, In Brief, 2012*) or the most current published and available edition of such work.
- C. Recording of Meetings.** Any meeting of the Committee, other than a closed session permitted under Oregon Public Meeting rules, may be recorded by any person.



- D. **Presentations.** Any person desiring to address the Committee shall be requested, when recognized by the Chair, to give his or her name and address to facilitate preparation of the minutes, although no persons shall be denied recognition or denied the opportunity to speak solely because they decline to state their names and addresses. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the Committee, set in advance of the presentation of public input reasonable time limits for oral presentations. Persons may submit written comments in lieu of oral comments if the Chair determines that a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations has been provided, and in such a case, the matter may be continued to a later date to allow a reasonable time for such submittals to occur.
- E. **Recordation of Actions.** All official actions or decisions by the Committee shall be entered in the minutes of the Committee shall be drafted by the Committee Secretary who shall deliver the minutes to be maintained by the County Clerk. The vote tally on every question shall be recorded. When a roll call vote is used, the votes of each member of the Committee shall be recorded. Only written action minutes will be maintained. Electronic recordings may be made by the Secretary of each meeting of the Committee which shall be available to the public for inspection by request.
- F. **Committee Meeting Guidelines.**
- ☐ Everyone will participate fully in group discussions.
  - ☐ All ideas will be listened to carefully.
  - ☐ People and issues will be handled with respect and sincerity.
  - ☐ No one will personally attack another person.
  - ☐ All feedback must be phrased in a constructive manner and be aimed at helping the other person.
  - ☐ Everyone will use neutral body language and avoid things like finger-pointing, eye rolling, or sighing.
  - ☐ Instead of arguing personal points, we will listen to and acknowledge each other's ideas first.
  - ☐ Anyone can call a time out if he or she is confused about the topic or feels that the discussion is going off track.
  - ☐ No one will deliberately block the group from reaching a final solution by taking a position.
  - ☐ We'll take a systematic approach to resolving issues rather than just pushing personal points of view.
  - ☐ Use factual information, not speculation, when making decisions.

## Section 12. Voting and Quorum

- A. **Roll Call Vote.** A roll call vote may be required for voting upon any motion of the Committee at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. **Inaudible Votes.** Any member present who does not vote in an audible voice shall be recorded as voting "aye". A member may abstain from voting only if the member has recused himself or herself from participating due to an actual conflict of interest as defined by Oregon Government Ethics law in ORS Chapter 244, in which case the member shall not participate in the discussion and action on the

item.

- C. **Number of Votes Required for Action.** No action or recommendation of the Committee shall be valid and binding unless a quorum is present and the action is approved. Whenever possible the Committee shall seek consensus. If matters arise that cannot be resolved by consensus, a Committee action or recommendation shall be obtained by a two-thirds vote of the Committee members actually present at the meeting. Each member shall have one vote. No votes may be cast by proxy. Tie votes shall be considered as denial of the motion.
- D. **Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business shall exist only as long as a majority of the Committee members are present. However, a quorum is not required to forward information to the County Court.
- E. **Voting Affected by Conflict of Interest.** As a general rule, Conflict of Interest does not apply to recommendations forwarded by the Committee. COI's can be challenged by the Committee with a 2/3 vote of quorum.

#### Section 13. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

The Chair may authorize the creation of ad hoc subcommittees from time to time to investigate, observe, review, or otherwise study and report back their observations and conclusions to the full Committee for possible further action. Membership to the subcommittee is not limited to Advisory Committee members but may also include addition residents of the County as defined in Section 3. These subcommittee members will be referred to as at-large and terms will be limited to sub-committee work.

A. When creating such ad hoc committees, the Chair shall specify the subject to be investigated and time to report, and shall appoint those Committee members and at-large members who will serve on the ad hoc subcommittee. The number of Committee members appointed to any particular ad hoc committee shall be less than the number of members required to constitute a quorum of the full Committee.

B. Upon presentation of its final report to the full Committee, each such ad hoc subcommittee shall cease to exist. "Ad Hoc committees can also be dissolved by a formal vote of the full committee during a regular committee meeting." Ad hoc subcommittees created pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to the Oregon Public meeting law.

#### Section 14. Changes to the Bylaws

The provisions of these Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the Crook County Court.

Adopted: March 13, 2019  
Amended: August 12, 2020

Signed:

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

APPROVED and SIGNED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

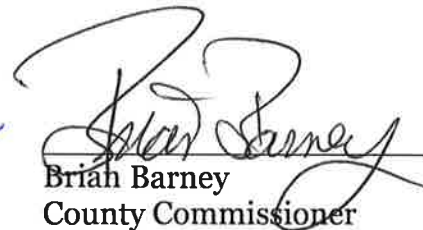
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Seth Crawford  
County Judge



Jerry Brummer  
County Commissioner



Brian Barney  
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As a whole, Committee members must have both a knowledge of the resource issues within the County and a working knowledge of the Federal Coordination process.

- C. Members should have demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others of differing viewpoints and achieve good faith compromises.
- D. Members will be selected based on qualifications and ability to work collaboratively. It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to ensure that the Committee has adequate geographic and resource interest representation. The Commission may make available one (1) position on the Committee for an individual recommended by the City of Prineville, with such recommendation to be made in the manner that the City may select.

## **Section 4.     The Natural Resource Coordinator will facilitate the operations of the Committee, as directed by the Commission.**

## **Section 5. Term of Office & Recruitment of Members**

- A. First term committee members shall serve until December 31, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2020, and thereafter, Commission appointments to the Committee shall be for a term of four years. Members may also be removed by the Commission as outlined in Section 6. Members can be reappointed at the end of their term.
- B. In order to maintain a beneficial diversity of expertise, vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by Commission appointees knowledgeable in subject areas deemed important to protect the broad-based interests of the County and its citizens. The County will utilize such processes to fill vacancies as they occur.

## **Section 6. Removal of Member**

The County Commission, by an affirmative vote, may remove a member from the Committee. Before removal is made, the Commission will contact the member concerned to discuss the issue/situation. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to, abandonment of duties, two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from noticed meetings, acting in a non-advisory manner, non-compliance with these Committee Bylaws, and violations of the provisions in Oregon Government Ethics law in ORS Chapter 244 and/or Oregon Public Meetings law in ORS 192.

## **Section 7. Compensation and Budget**

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

## **Section 8. Standard Operating Protocol**

The Crook County Natural Resource Plan (County Order # 2017-74) is consistent with federal law. Nothing will be recommended to the Commission that is inconsistent with the Order 2017-74, as it may be amended, revised, or superseded from time to time, or any "coordination" laws as defined in Title 19, Chapter 19.02.010 through 19.02.080 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.

- A. It is expected that the Committee will show respect for the Coordinating agencies' limited time and resources while expecting reasonable response time to questions and issues.
- B. In the role of Committee members, contact with federal or state land management agencies will be coordinated through the Coordinator.
- C. The Chair, in consultation with the Coordinator, may appoint an "executive review" committee, as needed, to deal with comment/meeting deadlines.
- D. In the event that Order 2017-74, or the coordination laws cited above, are superseded by a new order or citations, the Coordinator is authorized to amend the reference in this Section 8 to reflect the new order or citations. Such revisions are automatically incorporated into these Bylaws without the need for further adoption by the Committee or the Commission.

## **Section 9. Officers**

- A. Time of Election.** At the first organizational meeting, the members of the Committee shall elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from among their members. The Secretary shall be the County Natural Resource Coordinator, unless the Commission designates an alternative individual to perform the functions.
- B. Term.** The Chair and Vice-Chair nominated and elected at the initial meeting of the Committee shall begin their terms of office immediately upon election. Thereafter, the officers shall be nominated and elected annually in February of each year, beginning with 2019 and shall serve until their successors are elected and assume office. If the office of Chair becomes vacant during the term, the Vice-Chair shall become Chair. Vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair during the term shall be filled by election by the Committee to serve the remainder of the term.
- C. Duties of Chair and Vice Chair.** The Chair, or the Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair, shall act as the presiding officer of the Committee and in that capacity shall preserve order and decorum, decide procedural questions of order subject to being overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and perform such other duties as are required by these Bylaws, the resolution(s) and orders of the Commission, or by vote of the Committee. The Chair and Vice Chair each shall have all the rights and duties enjoyed by any other member of the Committee, including the right to make and second motions.

## **Section 10. Meetings**

- A. Date and time of Meetings.** Regular monthly meetings of the Committee shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Agendas.** The Crook County Commission or designee shall prepare, post and otherwise give notice of the agenda and meeting location for each meeting in compliance with Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS Chapter 192).
- C. Special or Emergency Meetings.** The Committee may schedule such special or emergency meetings, or reschedule any regular meetings, as the Committee deems necessary or useful.

## **Section 11. Conduct of Meetings**

- A. Order of Business.** The regular order of business of the Committee may be:
  - (1) Call to order.
  - (2) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - (3) Public comment.
  - (4) Consideration and action on Agenda Items.
  - (5) Public comment

(6) Adjournment.

In the event public comments exceed or the Chair anticipates them exceeding 15 minutes, the Chair may continue public comment to the end of the meeting for a set period of time, if desired, or limit the time of each speaker. The Chair may remind and encourage the public that the Committee accepts written comments as well.

- B. **Parliamentary Procedure.** Unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws or required by law, all proceedings before the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to the parliamentary procedure prescribed in the most recent addition of Robert's Rules of Order (*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, In Brief, 2012*) or the most current published and available edition of such work.
- C. **Recording of Meetings.** Any meeting of the Committee, other than a closed session permitted under Oregon Public Meeting rules, may be recorded by any person.
- D. **Presentations.** Any person desiring to address the Committee shall be requested, when recognized by the Chair, to give his or her name and address to facilitate preparation of the minutes, although no persons shall be denied recognition or denied the opportunity to speak solely because they decline to state their names and addresses. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the Committee, set in advance of the presentation of public input reasonable time limits for oral presentations. Persons may submit written comments in lieu of oral comments if the Chair determines that a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations has been provided, and in such a case, the matter may be continued to a later date to allow a reasonable time for such submittals to occur.
- E. **Recordation of Actions.** All official actions or decisions by the Committee shall be entered in the minutes of the Committee. The Committee Secretary shall draft written minutes and obtain final approval by the Committee. The Secretary shall maintain such records in accordance with operative law.

The vote tally on every question shall be recorded. When a roll call vote is used, the votes of each member of the Committee shall be recorded. Written minutes or video or audio recordings of the meetings will be composed and maintained.

- F. **Committee Meeting Rules.**
  - ☐ Everyone will participate fully in group discussions.
  - ☐ All ideas will be listened to carefully.
  - ☐ People and issues will be handled with respect and sincerity.
  - ☐ No one will personally attack another person.
  - ☐ All feedback must be phrased in a constructive manner and be aimed at helping the other person.
  - ☐ Everyone will use neutral body language and avoid things like finger-pointing, eye rolling, or sighing.
  - ☐ Instead of arguing personal points, we will listen to and acknowledge each other's ideas first.

- ☐ Anyone can call a time out if he or she is confused about the topic or feels that the discussion is going off track.
- ☐ No one will deliberately block the group from reaching a final solution by taking a position.
- ☐ We'll take a systematic approach to resolving issues rather than just pushing personal points of view.
- ☐ Use factual information, not speculation, when making decisions.

## **Section 12.      Voting and Quorum**

- A.      **Roll Call Vote.** A roll call vote will be conducted and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- B.      **Inaudible Votes/Recusal/Abstention.** Committee members shall vote in an audible voice so it can be recorded. Any member present who does not vote in an audible voice will not be counted or recorded. A member may abstain from voting only if the member has recused himself or herself from participating due to an actual or potential conflict of interest as defined by Oregon Government Ethics law in ORS Chapter 244, or circumstances wherein the member believes he or she may be subject to bias in the outcome of the vote. In such cases the member shall not participate in the discussion and action on the item, and will declare the conflict or bias on the record.
- C.      **Number of Votes Required for Action.** No action or recommendation of the Committee shall be valid and binding unless a quorum is present and the action is approved. Whenever possible the Committee shall seek consensus. If matters arise that cannot be resolved by consensus, a Committee action or recommendation shall be obtained by a two-thirds vote of the Committee members actually present at the meeting. Each member shall have one vote. Voting may not be conducted by proxy. Votes which do not result in two-thirds approval shall be considered as denial of the motion.
- D.      **Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business shall exist only as long as a majority of the Committee members are present. However, any member may forward on to the Commission such information as that member believes may be helpful, so long as the member makes clear that he or she is not representing the Committee.

## **Section 13.      Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

The Chair may authorize the creation of ad hoc subcommittees from time to time to investigate, observe, review, or otherwise study and report back their observations and conclusions to the full Committee for possible further action. Membership to the subcommittee is not limited to Advisory Committee members but may also include addition residents of the County as defined in Section 3. These subcommittee members will be referred to as at-large and terms will be limited to sub-committee work.

- A.      When creating such ad hoc committees, the Chair shall specify the subject to



be investigated and time to report, and shall appoint those Committee members and at-large members who will serve on the ad hoc subcommittee. The number of Committee members appointed to any particular ad hoc committee shall be less than the number of members required to constitute a quorum of the full Committee.

B. Upon presentation of its final report to the full Committee, each such ad hoc subcommittee shall be dissolved. Ad Hoc committees can also be dissolved by a formal vote of the full committee during a regular committee meeting. Ad hoc subcommittees created pursuant to this subsection may be subject to the Oregon public meetings law.

#### **Section 14. Changes to the Bylaws**

The provisions of these Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the Crook County Commission.

Adopted: March 13, 2019  
Amended: August 12, 2020  
Amended: August 20, 2025

Signed:

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

Approved by the Crook County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner Seth Crawford

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Commissioner Susan Hermreck

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Commissioner Brian Barney

<u>Vote:</u>	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused				
Seth Crawford	___	___	___	___				
Susan Hermreck	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Brian Barney	___	___	___	___				



## Agenda Item Request

**Date:**

*August 5, 2025*

**Meeting date desired:**

*August 13, 2025*

**Subject:**

*Treasurer's Report for July 2025*

**Background and policy implications:**

*The attached report provides the following information for the month of July 2025:*

*The amount of cash on hand in the custody of the county treasurer as county treasurer;*

*The banks in which such funds are deposited, with the amounts so deposited in each bank;*

*The security furnished the county by each bank to cover such deposits, and the interest rates paid on such deposits; and*

*A statement of the amount of outstanding warrant indebtedness of the county and the date up to which the county's warrant indebtedness has been redeemed.*

**Budget/fiscal impacts:**

**Requested by:**

*Christina Haron, CPA      Finance Director*

**Presenters:**

*Christina Haron, CPA      Finance Director*

**Legal review (only if requested):**

*NA*

**Elected official sponsor (if applicable):**

*NA*

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
all balances as of July 31, 2025

**BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES**

FIRST INTERSTATE OPERATING CHECKING	7,545,776.43
FIRST INTERSTATE ELECTRONIC TRANS	119,246.38
FIRST INTERSTATE JAIL COMMISSARY	87,383.06
FIRST INTERSTATE SHERIFF SALE	1,668.14
FIRST INTERSTATE BOND PROCEEDS SAVINGS	-
FIRST INTERSTATE ACH PAYMENTS	98,635.23
FIRST INTERSTATE CC ROAD AGENCY	9,762.88
FIRST INTERSTATE SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	56,182.16
LGIP COUNTY	27,325,131.28
LGIP JUSTICE CENTER	3,537,471.91
LGIP PRC	542,215.25
ZIONS BANK	364.10
ZIONS - CORE INVESTMENTS	46,416,737.22
ZIONS - JC BOND INVEST.	-
FIRST INTERSTATE POOLED	-
 TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	 85,740,574.04
TOTAL COMBINED CASH PER GL	85,048,784.63
 TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS VARIANCE*	 (691,789.41)

Variance is due to Operating "Deposits in Transit" that amount to \$2,906.39, outstanding  
Operating checks totalling -\$613,645.24. LGIP variance is due to the tax turnover of -  
\$81,050.56.

Bank Code	POOLED CASH ACCOUNTS IN GENERAL LEDGER	
10	FIRST INTERSTATE OPERATING CHECKING	6,935,037.58
12	FIRST INTERSTATE ELECTRONIC TRANS	119,246.38
13	FIRST INTERSTATE JAIL COMMISSARY	87,383.06
14	FIRST INTERSTATE SHERIFF SALE	1,668.14
16	FIRST INTERSTATE BOND PROCEEDS SAVINGS	-
17	FIRST INTERSTATE ACH PAYMENTS	98,635.23
25	FIRST INTERSTATE CC ROAD AGENCY	9,762.88
26	FIRST INTERSTATE SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	56,182.16
60	LGIP COUNTY	27,244,080.72
61	LGIP JUSTICE CENTER	3,537,471.91
66	LGIP PRC	542,215.25
72	ZIONS BANK	364.10
73	ZIONS - CORE INVESTMENTS	46,416,737.22
74	ZIONS - JC BOND INVEST.	-
80	FIRST INTERSTATE POOLED	-

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
**all balances as of July 31, 2025**

TOTAL POOLED CASH	85,048,784.63
CASH ALLOCATED TO FUNDS	(85,048,784.63)

TOTAL UNALLOCATED CASH	-
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**CASH ALLOCATION BY FUND RECONCILIATION**

101 ALLOCATION TO GENERAL FUND	12,363,769.81
202 ALLOCATION TO ROAD FUND	16,089,782.01
212 ALLOCATION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	10,012,547.73
221 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY CLERK FUND	231,584.15
231 ALLOCATION TO CC ED CENTER FUND	277,875.55
251 ALLOCATION TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FUND	6,005,490.65
281 ALLOCATION TO NATURAL RESOURCES FUND	51,116.06
301 ALLOCATION TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FUND	2,437,819.28
302 ALLOCATION TO VIDEO LOTTERY FUND	144,911.93
312 ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	1,448,277.91
313 ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND FUND	358,635.62
325 ALLOCATION TO VETERANS SERVICES FUND	215,855.87
330 ALLOCATION TO LIBRARY FUND	850,277.51
380 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SURVEYOR FUND	216,057.86
388 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SCHOOL FUND FUND	(0.01)
390 ALLOCATION TO TOURISM DISCRETIONARY FUND	138,031.06
392 ALLOCATION TO JUSTICE CENTER FUND	10,202,946.84
398 ALLOCATION TO RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	296,443.06
401 ALLOCATION TO RESERVE FUND FUND	9,317,822.29
501 ALLOCATION TO DEBT SERVICE FUND FUND	48,912.60
602 ALLOCATION TO ALFALFA FIRE DISTRICT FUND	29.94
605 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY SCHOOLS/BONDS FUND	-
606 ALLOCATION TO CC JAIL INMATE FUND	110,455.09
607 ALLOCATION TO SHERIFF FEE ACCT FUND	1,668.14
608 ALLOCATION TO PLA Unit I SRD 2022 LEVY FUND	69.76
610 ALLOCATION TO EXTENSION SERVICE FUND	397,975.44
614 ALLOCATION TO MH PARK OMBUDSMAN FUND	-
616 ALLOCATION TO HISTORICAL FUND FUND	212,400.87
622 ALLOCATION TO CROOK/DESCHUTES ED SERV FUND	-
623 ALLOCATION TO FLAT ROCK ROAD DISTRICT FUND	14.39
624 ALLOCATION TO CC ROAD AGENCY FUND	9,762.88
630 ALLOCATION TO DESCHUTES CO RFPD #1 FUND	3.14
631 ALLOCATION TO CROOK CO RFPD #1 FUND	-
635 ALLOCATION TO HAHLEN ROAD DISTRICT FUND	74.77
636 ALLOCATION TO REDMOND F&R 2020LOL FUND	1.17



**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
**all balances as of July 31, 2025**

651 ALLOCATION TO OCH WEST W & S AUTHORITY FUND	310.57
664 ALLOCATION TO PARKS & RECREATION DIST FUND	3,819.29
665 ALLOCATION TO CEMETERY DISTRICT FUND	999.50
666 ALLOCATION TO VECTOR CONTROL DIST FUND	513.47
668 ALLOCATION TO JUNIPER CANYON WATER CONT FUND	47.12
676 ALLOCATION TO OR LAND INFORMATION SYSTE FUND	798.22
679 ALLOCATION TO PLA UNIT I SPEC ROAD DIST FUND	141.61
680 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL FUND	-
681 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY UNIT SCH/BOND 2013 FUND	-
682 ALLOCATION TO UNSEGREGATED TAXES FUND	543,064.11
684 ALLOCATION TO ADVANCE PMT ON TAXES FUND	130,324.76
686 ALLOCATION TO SOLAR MITIGATION FUND	56,182.16
687 ALLOCATION TO SALE OF COUNTY LANDS	32,352.10
688 ALLOCATION TO CATF/STATE HOUSING FEES FUND	36,212.55
689 ALLOCATION TO COUNTY ASSESS/TAXATION FUND	14,116.38
690 ALLOCATION TO CENTRAL OR COMM COLLEGE FUND	-
691 ALLOCATION TO CEN OR COMM COLL/B & I FUND	-
692 ALLOCATION TO CITY OF PRINEVILLE FUND	9,675.92
693 ALLOCATION TO CITY OF PVILLE/DEL SEWER FUND	31.44
694 ALLOCATION TO STATE FIRE PATROL - REG FUND	-
695 ALLOCATION TO STATE FIRE PATROL - IMP FUND	-
701 ALLOCATION TO FAIRGROUNDS FUND FUND	628,973.07
702 ALLOCATION TO LANDFILL FUND FUND	7,976,082.28
705 ALLOCATION TO AIRPORT/OPERATING FUND	2,544,394.84
708 ALLOCATION TO CROOK COUNTY WEED CONTROL FUND	295,387.98
709 ALLOCATION TO FACILITIES FUND	1,334,743.89
 TOTAL ALLOCATIONS TO FUNDS	 85,048,784.63
TOTAL POOLED CASH FUND	<u>(85,048,784.63)</u>
 ZERO PROOF IF ALLOCATIONS BALANCE	 <u><u>-</u></u>

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**  
**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**  
all balances as of July 31, 2025

<b>INVESTMENT ALLOCATION BY TYPE RECONCILIATION</b>	
US TREASURIES	30,756,145.72
CORPORATE BONDS	2,921,275.00
GOVERNMENT AGENCY SECURITIES	1,621,703.00
US OBLIGATIONS	9,251,930.00
INTERNATIONAL BONDS	-
MUNICIPAL BONDS	1,865,683.50
 TOTAL INVESTMENTS	 46,416,737.22
CORE INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT AT ZIONS	(46,416,737.22)
 ZERO PROOF IF ALLOCATIONS BALANCE	 -
<b>INVESTMENT VALUES</b>	
TOTAL BOOK VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	46,416,737.22
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	47,478,319.75
UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS*	1,061,582.53

\*Investments are guided by the Crook County Investment Policy pursuant to ORS 294. Investments are typically held to maturity, resulting in lower risk and more predictable returns.

**CROOK COUNTY TREASURER REPORT**

**POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**all balances as of July 31, 2025**

**SECURITY AND INTEREST RATES PAID BY BANKS**

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**FIRST INTERSTATE BANK**

**SECURITY ON DEPOSITS**

First Interstate Bank is a qualified depository that participates in the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization Program (PFCP) which covers funds over and above the amount insured by the FDIC.

**INTEREST RATE - SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Current Month	2.27%
Prior Month	2.27%
Change	0.00%

**ZIONS BANCORPORATION**

**SECURITY ON DEPOSITS**

Zions Bancorporation (Commerce Bank of Oregon) is a qualified depository that participates in the Oregon Public Funds Collateralization Program (PFCP) which covers funds over and above the amount insured by the FDIC. Investments and securities are not bank deposits and are not covered by FDIC or the Oregon Public Funds

**INTEREST RATE - CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

Current Month	0.40%
Prior Month	0.40%
Change	0.00%

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL**

**SECURITY ON DEPOSITS**

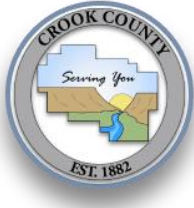
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**INTEREST RATES**

Current Month	4.60%
Prior Month	4.60%
Change	0.00%

Crook County has no outstanding warrant indebtedness as of the date of this document.

Prepared by: <u>Christina Haron</u>	<u>8/8/2025</u>
Signature	Date
<u>Christina Haron, CPA</u>	<u>Crook County Finance Director</u>
Printed Name	Title



## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

**Date:**

*August 6, 2025*

**Meeting date desired:**

*August 13, 2025*

**Subject:** *Update on Transportation Systems Plan, Transportation Safety Action Plan, and Juniper Canyon Community Meeting*

**Background and policy implications:**

The Community Development Department is nearing the end of a multi-year effort to update the County's Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). This update will provide a timeline of remaining steps and public meetings, goals of the projects, and a preview of the coming Juniper Canyon Community Meeting.

**Budget/fiscal impacts:**

*N/A*

**Requested by:**

*John Eisler; Community Development Director  
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541-447-3211*

**Presenters:**

*John Eisler*





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**Community Development Department**  
**Planning Division**  
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(541)447-3211  
[plan@crookcountyor.gov](mailto:plan@crookcountyor.gov)

**TO:** Crook County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** John Eisler, Community Development Director

**DATE:** August 7, 2025

**SUBJECT: Transportation Systems Plan Update**

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The Community Development Department and its consultant, Parametrix, have been working to finalize a new Crook County Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). The new TSP will be the County's foundational strategic transportation policy document, guiding resources and investment over a twenty-year horizon. Adoption of the TSP requires amending the County's Comprehensive Plan, which at these final stages involves hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.

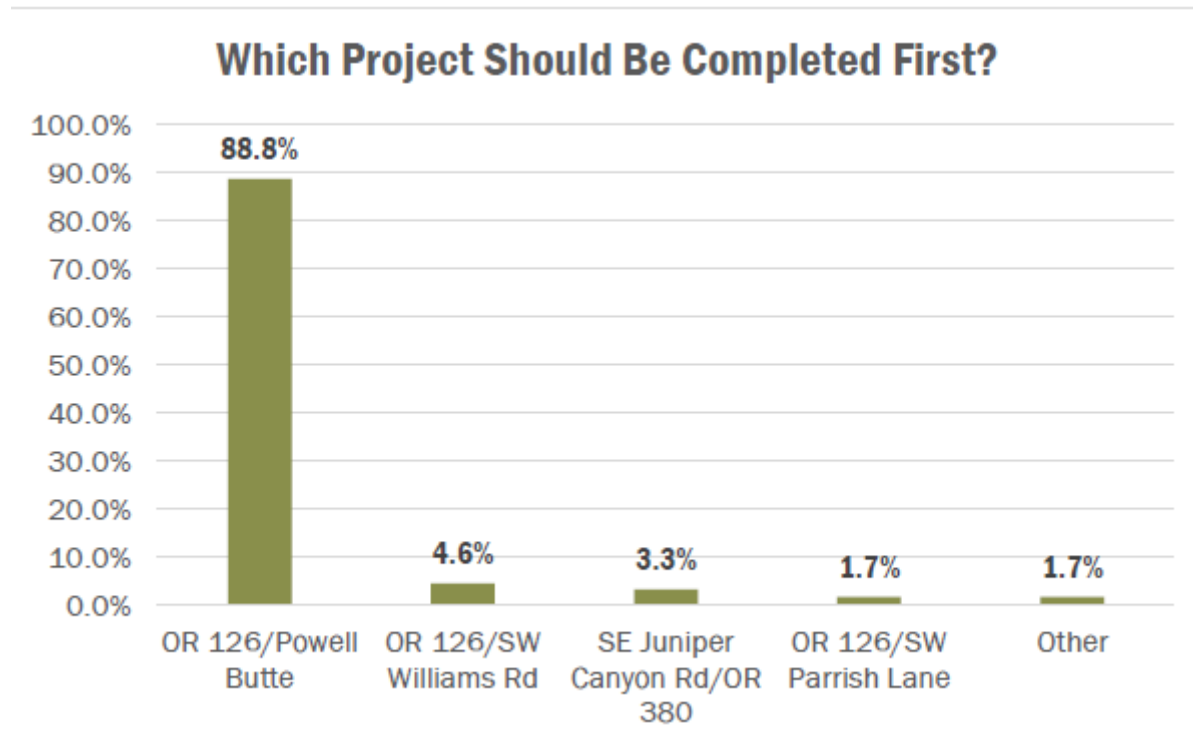
The anticipated hearing schedule is as follows:

- September 10, 2025 – Planning Commission Work Session
- September 24, 2025 – Planning Commissioner Hearing
- October 1, 2025 – Board of Commissioners First Reading of Ordinance
- October 15, 2025 – Board of Commissioners Second Reading of Ordinance

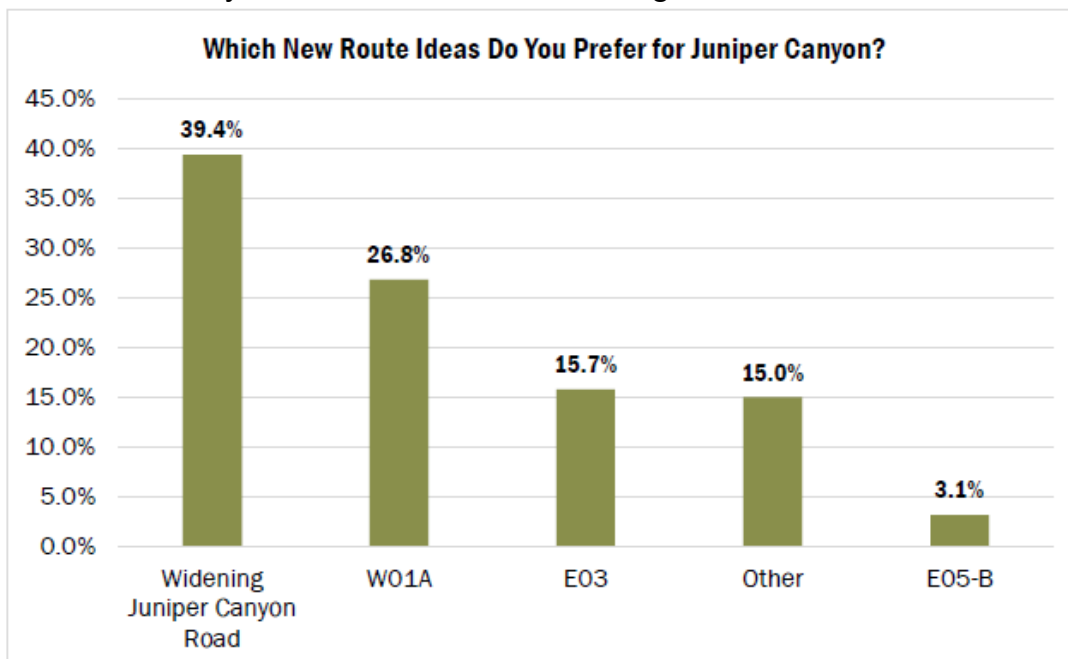
Like other comprehensive plan amendments, if all goes smoothly, the TSP will be adopted following the second BOC hearing on October 15. Most details of the TSP have been finalized at this point, with the preferred alternative access for Juniper Canyon the last remaining item.

The County held an open house for the residents of Juniper Canyon on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The open house was very well attended, and it was clear from their comments that wildfire safety was a top priority for the people there. Most of the comments regarding wildfire safety and alternative evacuation routes focused on routes at the south end of Juniper Canyon Road, which would enable the greatest number of residents to evacuate should the north end of the road be blocked by fire or traffic. Crook County Fire and Rescue's Russ DeBoot spoke at the meeting regarding the specific characteristics of wildfire in the Juniper Canyon area and his preference for a solution other than evacuations. Over the course of the open house, it was evident that perhaps the most appropriate transportation solution for everyday needs would not also be the best solution for wildfire safety.

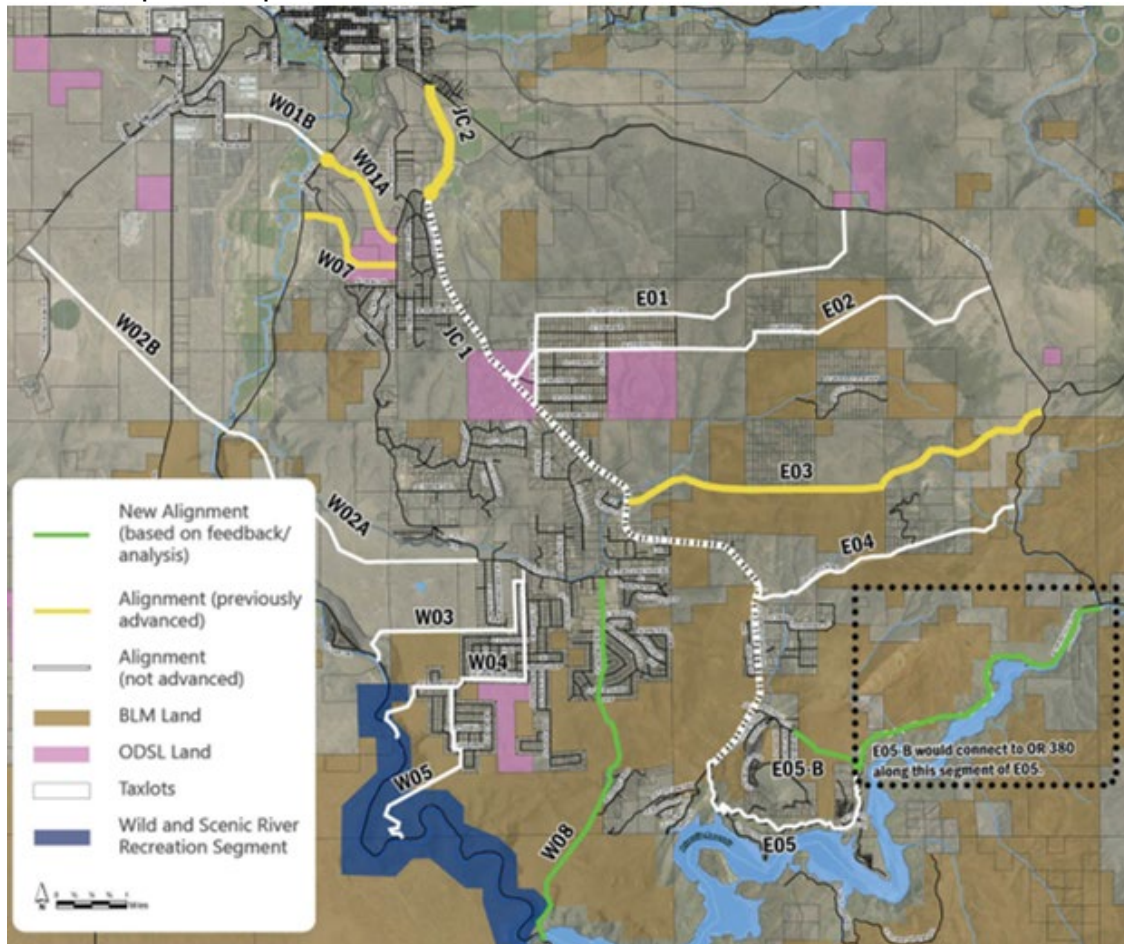
Surveys for the TSP and Juniper Canyon were collected until May 2, 2025. The County received 242 surveys from the public. The surveys showed broad support—over 90%—for the preferred solutions presented. The survey results also showed overwhelming support (89%) to prioritize the OR 126/Powell Butte Highway intersection improvement first, with a single-lane roundabout.



Community preference was not as clear for the Juniper Canyon alternative access. At the April open house, four previously advanced options and two new ones were presented. The survey results showed the following:



Below is a map of the presented alternatives:



The project team considered the community input as it evaluated the potential routes through a comprehensive screening process. Some of the considerations included route length and slope, route utility and consistency with the overall TSP, existing facilities, and environmental impacts. The project team also looked closely funding options and community preference for funding options. Again, the results there are mixed:

**Table 2: Do you support a new Access Route if it requires new local taxes or local revenue?**

	Percent
Yes	32.1%
No	32.7%
Other	35.2%

The one aspect of funding from the survey results that was clear was that the residents there strongly preferred funding for the access alternatives to come from a source other than a local improvement district that would levy a tax on existing residents for the new alternative route. The preferred sources of funds were either grants or fees for new development from system development charges (SDCs), as shown in the following table:

Table 3: Which funding options would you be open to for improvements in Juniper Canyon?

Funding Option	Percent of Respondents
General Fund	34.3%
Grants	53.8%
Local Improvement District	30.1%
System Development Charges	54.5%

Respondents could select multiple options; percentages will not add to 100%.

After reviewing all of the data, community input, and screening, the project team recommends route W01A, which is a 1.7 mile route that connects lower Davis Loop to OR 27, at an estimated cost of \$9.3-\$20M.



This route responds to transportation system concerns, including alleviating congestion in Prineville and providing a cost-effective alternative route for emergency response or community travel in the event of a blockage on Juniper Canon Road. In order to facilitate everyday travel, the project team recommends the route be paved and designed to accommodate larger vehicles, with two 12-foot general purpose travel lanes and 8-10 foot shoulders. The wide shoulders will support active travel modes such as walking and biking:

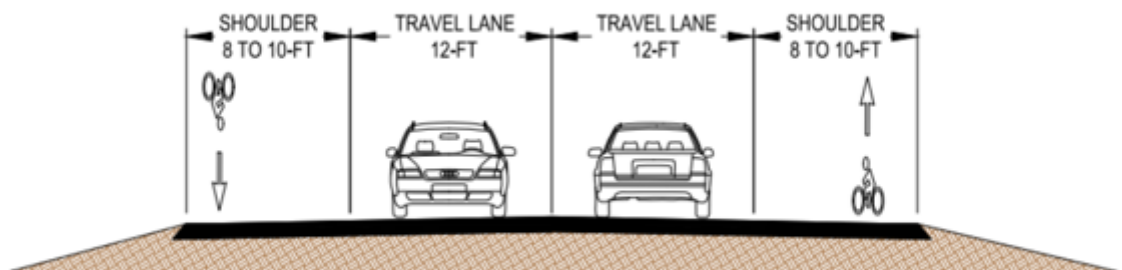


Figure 4: Proposed Cross Section



As mentioned, a northern alternative access such as this will not solve the community's wildfire safety and evacuation concerns. Compounding those concerns is the recent Highland Fire, which burned an estimated 719 acres and placed over 1000 residents on evacuation Levels 1-3. The fire was ultimately contained within days, and no structures were destroyed, but the fire was a stark reminder of what is at stake for the residents of the area.

Following the April Juniper Canyon open house, County leadership directed that the County host one additional opportunity, in the evening, for Juniper Canyon residents to get information and ask questions about the TSP process. In the time since then, Community Development and others have been hard at work to address the concerns of the residents and present a comprehensive plan to enhance wildfire safety. The results of those efforts will be presented at our upcoming Juniper Canyon Community Meeting.

The Community Meeting will be held August 20, from 6-8pm at Carey Foster Hall. The current agenda includes an update on the TSP alternatives analysis described above, as well as information on a "safe space" plan, a third potential access route, and a new BLM Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Permit Program. Invited agency partners include Crook County Fire and Rescue, OSU Extension College of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management, and Regional Coordinator for the Office of the Governor. A draft agenda is included as Attachment A.

Community Development's goal with this Community Meeting is to inform, educate, and answer questions, while making it clear that the residents' concerns are heard and being addressed. County Administration's Sarah Puerner has already sent notice of the Community Meeting to the paper and developed a promotional flyer. Our hope is that the event is broadly attended and builds consensus towards the strategic action items developed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Juniper Canyon Alternative Access Community Meeting  
Carey Foster Hall 6-8 pm, August 20, 2025**

Agenda:

- 6:00 – 6:20: Community Development Director, John Eisler
  - Overview of Evening
  - Review of TSP Alternative Routes Analysis, Preferred Route, and Funding
  - Safe Spaces Proposal
  - Summary of Additional Responses
- 6:20 – 6:25: Crook County Commissioner Seth Crawford
  - Potential Seasonal Eastern Evacuation Route
- 6:25 – 6:30: Road Superintendent Brad Haynes
  - Logistics and Timing of Building a Road
- 6:30 – 6:45: CCFRD Russ DeBoodt
  - Lessons Learned from Highland Fire
  - Priorities Moving Forward
- 6:45 – 7:00: OSU Extension College of Forestry
  - Ari Cowan – Fire and Juniper History
  - Jenna Deibel – Juniper Management and Ecology
- 7:00 – 7:15: Bureau of Land Management – Prineville District Office
  - Wildland Firefighter – WUI Hazardous Fuels Permit Program
- 7:15 – 7:30: Closing from Crook County
- 7:30 – 8:00: Open house/Q&A



# **JUNIPER CANYON** Community Meeting

## Transportation Alternatives Update



Crook County is updating its 20-year Transportation System Plan (TSP) to guide future transportation investments. This meeting will focus on an update from the Juniper Canyon alternative access analysis, with additional information about a comprehensive approach to wildfire safety. You'll also hear from local agency partners and wildfire experts, such as Crook County Fire and Rescue, OSU Extension College of Forestry, and the BLM. Please come out to hear what we're planning and get your questions answered.



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6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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