

# Crook County Land Use Plan

## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, March 19, 2025

3:00 pm

### Present:

**CCLUPSC Members:** Randy Gantz, Randy Faust, Dawn Anderson, Josh Throckmorton, Judy McCullough, Jeff Carrier, Brandon Riddle, Mark Erickson

**Planning Commission Liaison:** Dustin Buckmiller

**County Staff & Consultants:** Megan Nelms, Y2; Michael Surface, Y2; Donna Bye; Houston Engineering

### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:010pm. The consultant team was present virtually via TEAMS. Megan Nelms, Project Manager with Y2 Consultants, introduced herself and asked everyone to go around the room and tell a little about themselves, why they are there and why they are volunteering to serve on the plan steering committee. The rest of the consultant team then introduced themselves and provided a short background.

### II. 3 QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Megan had planned a group exercise as a way to elicit feedback from the steering committee and get a high-level view of the issues the county is facing in the coming decade. Megan expressed that she felt the exercise would be better if she was there in person, so it was decided to postpone the exercise until the next meeting. However, Megan asked the committee members to go around the room and have a general discussion about why they believe the county is going through this planning process, what they think are issues and what the final plan might look like to them.

A variety of topics were discussed, from private property rights, potential zoning codes, the development process, local infrastructure, affordable housing and other general land use topics. The discussion focused on doing what is best for the county and its communities, while balancing private property rights, the need for development as well and conserving and protecting the county's natural resources.

The committee also put a focus on the need to educate residents of the county on the planning process and what the plan is all about. Megan emphasized that the committee is the face of the plan to residents, and they need to get the word out. Talk about the plan with family and friends, put up flyers and information sheets around the county and get people involved. She stated that the consultant team would provide the marketing materials and ideas, but they need the committee to let people know about what is happening.

### STEERING COMMITTEE SURVEY & HOMEWORK

Megan gave an overview of the committee's "homework" before the next meeting, which includes a Steering Committee Survey that is intended to gauge the committee's feelings on what the issues and opportunities are for the county. She also asked each member to email her three pictures of their favorite things in the Crook County, and that the pictures would be used in the final plan version.

### **III. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

It was the consensus of the committee that a good meeting date what would work for everyone is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting was set for April 16<sup>th</sup>, at the same time in the same room.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4.45pm. The next regular steering committee meeting will be held on April 16, 2025, at 3pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room and virtually on TEAMS.