



Staff Report – December 11th, 2012

For: Prineville City Council
Thru: City Manager Steve Forrester
Topic: Emergency Shelter Agreement

Department: Police

Staff: Chief Eric Bush

Overview:

During the November 27th Council meeting Crook County Commissioner Fahlgren informed the Council that it was the desire of the Crook County administration to expand the use of the Shelter located in the 300 block of NE 2nd Street. The City can decide on the disposition of the current agreement with the County.

Discussion:

On October 9th, 2010 Council moved to support the use of a Crook County Homeless Shelter by offering \$1000 in billing credit for water and sewer at the County owned building on NE 2nd Street. The shelter was opened as a men's shelter and managed by Crook County Mental Health. After about a year the operation of the shelter became problematic and it was closed. Under a new Memorandum of Agreement with the City, the shelter was reopened as an emergency shelter in February of 2012 under the management of the City Police Department.

The Police Department took over the general management of the Shelter and, with concurrence of all stake holders at the time, limited occupants to those who were in immediate physical danger due to the elements and / or under unforeseen circumstances. The above mentioned financial contribution ran out in early 2012.

The expansion of the Shelter mission as described by Commissioner Fahlgren on November 27th, 2012 goes beyond a mission suited for local public safety operations.

Fiscal:

Insignificant impact.

City Options/Recommendation:

Staff recommendation is that the City withdraw from the current shelter agreement, but that the 911/Dispatch Center through the Police Department retain the responsibility of conducting routine warrant and wants checks on persons applying for occupancy.