



**Board of Commissioners' County Counsel Meeting
April 21, 2020 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214**

4/21/2020 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Marc Henderson/County Counsel, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris approves minute from last meeting.

4. Swan Lake Pump Storage-SIP Agreement

Marc Henderson gives update on the agreement, nothing has really changed. However he has done some more research and reached out to Business Oregon regarding the process. Commissioner Boyd is confused, thought the Board was to negotiate this agreement in Executive Session, Henderson responds that if there is negotiations then we can schedule a Executive Session, Henderson reviews the process, after an agreement is presented to the County then there needs to be a Public Hearing. Commissioner Boyd further indicates he would like to have an Executive Session to discuss the agreement first with developer. Commissioner DeGroot asks if Commissioner Boyd wants the developer here? Commissioner Boyd indicates yes. Commissioner Morris clarifies if the Board is agreeable to setting an executive Session first? Board consensus is to schedule and Executive Session and invite Rye Development.

5. Tourism Improvement Area Plan

Henderson presents a plan that was prepared by Civitas on behalf on Discover Klamath. Commissioner Boyd would like to have a meeting with the Hoteliers to get their feedback before moving forward with anything. Commissioner Morris asks if there is a legal timeline to respond to their plan? Commissioner Boyd does not believe the intent of the Ordinance was to just hand the finances over to Discover Klamath, but rather bring all the Hoteliers together to figure out the best scenario, as of now there are two very distinct sides. Commissioner DeGroot indicates there is also a third group that wants nothing to do with it at all. Commissioner Boyd would like to see everyone come together with a good solution for everyone. Commissioner Morris was under the impression that if the group can't get 2/3 of the hoteliers to sign off then the plan can't move forward. Henderson confirms, yes that's the case. Board consensus is to review the document and bring back next week.

6. Other County Business

Commissioner Boyd thinks we need to furlough employees (10 days each) to help out our budget as we have Union Negotiations coming up and we can't afford it. Commissioner Morris asks how much we are getting from SRS funding, Commissioner DeGroot

indicates 3.8 million. Commissioner Boyd says that money is road funds. Commissioner DeGroot understands and we will learn our financial position in the next few months, is not ready to furlough anyone yet. Commissioner DeGroot would like to wait a couple months. Commissioner Morris would like to wait as well, doesn't mind putting the option out there to see if anyone wants to volunteer to furlough. Board consensus it to wait on the furlough issue.

Further discussion that the Commissioners need to put pressure on the Governor to allow Klamath County to open up as COVID-19 is not as prevalent in our community as it is up North. Commissioner DeGroot would like HR to check with the Unions and see if there will be any issues opening back up now. Commissioner DeGroot agrees we need to work together regionally to get the Eastern County's open. Commissioner Morris prefers to discuss this again next week. Board instructs Counsel to work with HR get more info from the Unions.

7. Adjournment

10:30am

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