



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
April 29, 2020 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

4/29/2020 - Minutes

1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To www.klamathcounty.org

2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Amanda Van Riper / Human Resources; John Ketchum (WebEx) / Keno Fire District, Greg Davis (WebEx) / Fire District 1; Randall Bailey, Dennis Lee (WebEx) / ODF; (WebEx); Randy Shaw / Coalition of the Willing (WebEx); Erik Noble / Planning (phone).

3. Approve Minutes From The 4/22 & 4/23 Work Sessions

Approved.

~~**4. David Mauer - PNW4WDA OHV Trails**~~

5. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request - Maintenance Reclass

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Boyd said he spoke to our Maintenance Director, Glen Gregory and he understood this was being done due to budget constraints and that the Board may revisit it later. Unanimous vote. Approved.

6. Chief Spradley - Cohesive Fire Strategy Work Group Update

John Ketchum, Greg Davis, Randall Bailey and Dennis Lee address the Board. They appreciate the Board's commitment to working together on the Cohesive Strategy and look forward to continued County involvement. The Board thanked them for their participation as well. They also discussed the challenges related to potentially fighting fire in the current COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Randy Shaw - Coalition Of The Willing Agreement

Commissioner DeGroot reviews the document with the Board. He said, Randy was looking for some type of a support letter and the counties are likely going to have to put in some money. Commissioner DeGroot said he'd be happy to work with staff on the letter and bring it back to the Board. Commissioner Boyd asks does it go to Secretary Bernhardt and to our congressional staff. Commissioner DeGroot said, that's a great

idea. Commissioner Boyd said he likes the idea of sending each a letter. Board agreed to have Commissioner DeGroot work on a letter and bring it back to the Board for signature next week. Randy Shaw said his request is a letter of support from the Board to take back to the next meeting and was in agreement with the Board's plan to send letters. Mr. Shaw thanked the Board for their support.

8. Rural Revitalization Housing Fund - DDG

Commissioner DeGroot said he spoke to Randy Cox and KCEDA. This goes back to conversations we've been having for quite sometime regarding the housing fund. We got it over to the bank and it fizzled out because they are focusing on PPP loans. He'd like to breathe some life back into it. They've asked for recommitments. Commissioner DeGroot said, the ask is, is the County still in support of loaning one million dollars to them for housing? He said he is in favor of it. He said, there would be a return rate so this is an investment not a gift, likely a 5 year loan at 2% interest. Commissioner Boyd said he feels it's something we have to do. He agrees that it is an investment. The Board discusses where to borrow the money from. Commissioner Boyd said he sees more downside taking it out of the building department or solid waste because they are needing stuff on a regular basis but he sees taking it out of Risk unless we have a disaster. Commissioner DeGroot said, we could borrow from road funds if that is the case. Commissioner DeGroot suggested putting this item on the next finance meeting. He said he will respond back to Randy Cox that we are still committed. Commissioner Morris said she is in support of it. She said, as far as where the funds come from she wants to make it as easy on our staff as possible. She would also like it put on the next Finance meeting.



9. Other County Business

Planning Meetings - Commissioner Morris explains the Board would like to come up with a better procedure for the next Planning Commission Meeting. Commissioner DeGroot said, it seems like things are going to open up more in June and asked would postponing next month's meeting to June eliminate the time period for the appeal and keep us in the the window? Mr. Henderson said, what he is saying is making the decision that night and if there is an appeal it would go straight to LUBA. Mr. Noble said he guesses we could do that. Commissioner DeGroot said, if we did it that way, we maintain the window. Mr. Noble said he has it set so June 23rd is the last day to have it for site 1 and a little longer for site 2. Commissioner DeGroot said, do we want to have the site 2 review before site 1. Mr. Nobel said, we could. Commissioner DeGroot said, if we still can't be open in June, we'll have to have another conversation about the court handling it. Commissioner Boyd said if it goes to Court it would be \$5000-\$10,000. Commissioner Morris asks, so you're thinking we can do both of them in June? Commissioner DeGroot said, yes and he thinks we should do site 2 before site 1. Commissioner Morris asks Mr. Henderson, what is our requirement? Mr. Henderson said, it doesn't have to be in person, per the Governor's Order, it can be taken through email, letters or call-ins. He said, it is what the County has been doing. Commissioner Morris said, so legally we could say we are taking email/written testimony only. Mr. Henderson said it would satisfy the meeting requirements per the Order. Commissioner Boyd said, but it wouldn't actually be hearing from the public because as dedicated as the Planning Commission is they wouldn't read 400 emails. Commissioner Morris asks what do we think will be lifted by June? Commissioner Boyd said, the 25 number. Commissioner DeGroot said so in June if things aren't opened up, we have to either take it to the Court or do written testimony. Commissioner Boyd said, we are doing our very best to let the public be heard. Commissioner DeGroot agreed we could just let Erik be making the decisions. Commissioner Morris suggested creating a memo explaining our plan so staff could send it out to people who inquire and people who

have already inquired. The Board agreed to have Commissioner DeGroot work on the memo. Mr. Noble said he'd also like to work with the Herald & News to put an article in the newspaper. The Board discussed the difference between a press release and a Herald & News article and that not all press releases are put in the newspaper. Commissioner Morris said she could reach out to Becca or Holly and the Herald & News. Commissioner Morris voiced concerns to clarify that this is the County's plan for the process. She wants to make sure to communicate the nuances. Commissioner DeGroot will bring the memo back to the Board for review.

10. Adjournment

10:45am

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