



**Board of Commissioners' County Counsel Meeting
May 8, 2019 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214**

5/7/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Morris, Mika Blain, Sandy Cox, Randy Swan, Brian Bryson, Bill Gilmore/Great Basin Insurance, Adam Collier

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Boyd approves minutes from April 16, 2019 meeting

3. Jail Medical Care Discussion-Great Basin

Bill Gilmore from Great Basin Insurance explains the benefits of having a Nurse on staff at the jail. CIS prefers we have a contracted medical provider so the County would be indemnified, Bryson adds that would be approx. 450K cost to contract someone. Mika - Further explains that having a nurse is definitely better than what we have now, but contracting someone would indemnify the County for future claims. Boyd - Contracted person indemnifies CIS from having to pay a claim, in all actually the County would be paying 450K to get a 64K discount from CIS. Discussion regarding costs of current medical employees and what a contract would provide. Bryson - further states that other counties are having problems getting the contractors to give the services promised. Mika - Will reach out to the other Counties to get more information. Gilmore - stated that also need to research how many claims were paid, he will get those numbers together. Boyd - 35% discount is nice, but not enough, they should look at reducing the amount they just raised our jail bed costs cause we are just help reduce their risk. Bryson - Further elaborates that the contract would not cover hours between 10pm-6am. Mika - Put on agenda in couple weeks to share the information with the Board that she, HR and Gilmore will be gathering.

4. Legal Representation Agreement-S.O.

Mika explains request, Sheriff would like to retain Steve Hedlund to represent himself and lieutenants that are not represented by Union if they need legal help for an incident. Mika - Has reached out to other Counties, there are some that have private attorneys on retainer and others that retain as needed, she recommends we have a private attorney on retainer. BOCC - Would like to move forward with retaining private attorney, Mika to draft something.

5. 2426 & 2428 White Ave

Gilmore explains best course of action would be to sell the building to get away from future liability. If lease building to someone then they take over management that would relieve the County from liability as well. DeGroot - Need to decide if we want to terminate the lease with Mentor or not. Morris - Would defer to DeGroot and Counsel. Mika - We have 45 day termination clause. Squibb - States that Mentor has offered to pay for 1/2 of the cost up to 5k per unit for upgrading, total cost so far is 7k for the one unit they upgraded, would anticipate the others being around same cost. DeGroot - Would like to take Mentor

up on their offer and then cancel lease. DeGroot - There has been discussion about selling the building to Klamath Housing Authority, they looking at grants, in the mean time perhaps we lease it to them so we have housing units for our developmentally disabled folks. Mika - Other option we have would be relinquish property to qualified nonprofit just like we did with City of Merrill. Boyd - Clarifies if Klamath Housing Authority continues to have our DD clients in the home who would provide services? Squibb - Explains that the client would have options through the state they can choose from. Boyd - What would be the least disruption to the clients? Squibb - Klamath Housing Authority. Mika - What is Klamath Housing Authority's preference. DeGroot - They cant afford to buy the property unless she can get a grant, they are excited about potentially building more units in the event they can get funding. Mika - Would recommend if we sign lease with Klamath Housing Authority then look at the lease every couple years. Boyd - Questions how much clients are paying to rent the units. Squibb - Approx 600 month per unit. BOCC - Would like to terminate lease with Mentor, Mika to proceed with that action. Boyd - Questions the process if we have Mentor pay 1/2 of upgrading units, discussion that no RFP needed, but could be an issue with BOLI. Mentor to reimburse us for the unit we already did, then they to pay for the next unit.

6. T.I.D. Matter

Mika - BOCC has discussed going out to the public regarding adopting an Ordinance for TID and see how the public reacts. Presents draft Ordinance, is still concerned that this is a tax and under this process any business could move forward with this sort of thing. Morris - Would like to proceed with running this by the public and the City to see how it is received. Mika - spoke to Nate Hyde to see how they intend for the County to collect the fees and what the County would charge for administering it, is looking into options. Discover Klamath would get us the information regarding the activities and what businesses would participate. Boyd - Indicates that Discover Klamath sent a letter to hotels, and so far he received 2 calls that they are adamantly opposed indicating that the letter stated the Board that over sees this would be paid, additionally with min wage already going up they have to raise prices to cover that and they don't want to have to raise another 3% to cover this as well. DeGroot - Also has gotten the same messages. Morris - Will get push back no matter what, but would like to see us move forward to get it out there. Mika - Suggests perhaps amending the TID to apply to hotels with more than 15 units and maybe only in Urban Growth Boundry. Mika - Would like to talk to City and clean up the draft. Boyd - Would like to meet with the City and Discover Klamath to discuss it further, additionally can not use the word levy because then it is a tax. Morris - Believes it is more of an assessment than a tax. Staff to set up meeting with City and Discover Klamath.

7. Labor Negotiation Process

Discussion regarding process of future negotiations, should Department Heads be involved in negotiations? Adam Collier responds that someone who understands the contract needs to be involved but does not necessarily need to be Dept. Head, just depends on who has a relationship with bargaining team. What about when a union crosses several different departments? Collier responds typically would have a manager from each department. Mika - What about 737 as there are many departments should they have a meeting beforehand to get ideas of what they want changed? Collier responds yes meet with them ahead of time.

8. Other County Business

None

9. Adjournment

11:18am

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