



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting
May 12, 2020 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 214

5/12/2020 - 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; Myles Maxey / Developmental Disabilities; Stephanie Brown, Tom Crist / CDD; Rick Vaughn, Terry Wells, Kayla Wessel / Tax Collector/Property Sales; Kat Rutledge Klamath IDEA; Vickie Noel / Finance; Jennifer Little / Public Health (WebEx); Amanda Van Riper / Human Resources, Betty Riley / SCOEDD; Leslie Barlow-Hunter / Risk; Gary Penning and Staff / Dry Creek; Craig Ackerman / Crater Lake (WebEx).

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Jennifer Little/Public Health, Vickie Noel/Finance

Jennifer Little and Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Ms. Little said they were given two IGA amendments from the State, those funds are to cover cost of employees for the COVID response. Ms. Noel discusses the grants totaling \$241,000. So far in expenses we've spent \$47,000 and in wages \$80,700. She said, so far we've spent \$67,000 that we don't have funds to cover. Commissioner Morris asks where the expenses were from. Ms. Noel said, masks and hand sanitizer from various departments and the sick time we paid out is \$34,000. Commissioner DeGroot asks, which department would the masks expense come out of? Ms. Barlow-Hunter agreed for it to come out of Risk, from the Safe and Secure IMPS line item. Commissioner DeGroot motions to pay the \$7,000 and change of the cost for the masks delta between the reimbursed amount and the cost out of Risk and from the line item previously stated by Ms. Barlow-Hunter. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

Commissioners discuss the amount of federal dollars given to the State and that none of those funds are coming to the counties. Commissioner Boyd expresses concern about lost income from lottery machines being turned off and decreased gas tax dollars. Commissioner Morris said, she wanted to get a sense of what we should be asking for, for how much. Commissioner DeGroot said he met with Public Health and KLCAS yesterday to talk about quarantine and hotels. He said, if that gets triggered, it will be a huge expense. Commissioner Morris asks the Board to come up with a wishlist between now and next week that could be made into a letter to send to the Governor.

5. Stephanie Brown / Tom Crist - Solid Waste

Tom Crist addresses the Board. The Dry Creek contract is up for renewal. Dry Creek would like to be in the contract for longer than a 5 year term. If we stay in a five year contract, they'd like an 18% increase. Gary Penning addresses the Board. He said they would like a franchise agreement for several reasons including security, stability, planning and long term facility build-outs. He said they pay a franchise fee to Jackson County on the transfer station. It would be similar to our franchise with Waste Management. The contract option is shorter term and higher prices because they don't get as good of rates in trucking and staffing. They are a privately held family company that has been in the Rogue Valley for over 80 years. He said they are willing to discuss a lower price increase if there is the option to franchise allowing them to spread those costs out over time.

Commissioner Boyd said, a franchise fee won't work because the City will get a percentage of it. Stephanie Brown said, correct the 5% franchise fee would go to the City because they were annexed in. Commissioner DeGroot asks, what if we do a ten year contract? Mr. Penning said, yes there is always better pricing with a 10 year over a 5 year contract because it's based on volume. Mr. Penning asked about the franchise fee going to the City. He said he's had a lot of experience with franchise agreements and he's never heard of a franchise fee going to a city because of the station location. Ms. Brown said within the City limits gets the franchise fee from City residents and outside the City limits the County gets the franchise fee. Mr. Penning said, that is how it works for collection franchise. He said he is specifically talking about transfer station franchises.

Commissioner DeGroot asks what the percentage would be on a 10 year contract.

Commissioner Morris, asks what is the ask today? Commissioner Boyd said, a franchise fee at 14% or a contract at 18%. Commissioner Boyd said, we need more information.

Mr. Crist said, if we throw the contract out, we'd need to hire an attorney and create a franchise. Commissioner Boyd said we need to figure out what the margin is, if we increase our cost per ton, we'd have to pass it on to Waste Management or eat it.

Commissioner Morris clarifies, the Board would like time to think about and evaluate a couple different scenarios and bring them back at a later date. Commissioner DeGroot said, time is of the essence. He said he can work with Tom, Stephanie and Counsel on the questions. He asks, there an option of a one year extension to the contract while we explore the other scenarios? He asks Mr. Penning what the increase for a 10 year contract would be. Commissioner Morris said, on the contract extension piece there maybe flexibility under our emergency declaration for a contract extension. Mr. Penning said they are amenable to an extension. He also said they can assist in researching the franchise law. Ms. Brown asks if there is a loss & profit for that site. Mr. Penning said, they could put one together. Board agreed for Commissioner DeGroot to bring this back to the Board as soon as he has more information.

6. Rick Vaughn - Tax Collector

1. Expedited Foreclosure Request

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. He said he brought his staff, Terry Wells and Kayla Wessel today because there was positive comments made about their hard work on foreclosed properties in the Business Meeting this morning and he wanted the Board to see them. Mr. Vaughn said, they are requesting to start the expedited foreclosure process for 2316 Wantland Avenue. Commissioner Boyd said he thinks we need to move ahead on this. Commissioner DeGroot asks, what are our restrictions for working with the family to secure the property? Mr. Vaughn said, with the families blessing we can go in there now. Commissioner Boyd asks, can the family give us the property? Mr. Vaughn said they can but we want to go through

the foreclosure on the property to clean the slate. The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Vaughn and staff to start the accelerated foreclosure process on this property.

7. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request – DDS Transition

Amanda Van Riper and Myles Maxey address the Board. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Boyd asks about the benefits, do they end? Ms. Van Riper said they will end June 1, the benefits end at the end of the current month since he worked May 1. Unanimous vote. Approved.

The Board welcomed Mr. Maxey to the County as our new Developmental Disabilities Department Director.

8. Craig Ackerman / Crater Lake National Park

Craig Ackerman addresses the Board. They are working through national guidance regarding Crater Lake National Park. They have been told to coordinate their decisions on reopening with the local communities. He wanted to touch base with the Board regarding reopening the Park. They are developing plans for a phased reopening, likely opening places such as roads, trails and back country areas followed by the more developed areas at a later date. He said traditionally they get 10,000 - 12,000 people coming to the park daily on holidays. He said, it's highly unlikely they will be opening the lodge any time soon due to staff and housing shortages caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Ackerman asks if the Board has concerns about an influx of people who could be potentially carrying the virus into the county if the park reopens. Commissioner Boyd said he has no questions. Commissioner DeGroot said he has no questions, let's open up. Commissioner Morris said she agrees that we are trying to reopen and she likes what Mr. Ackerman said about opening up roads and trails where people have an ability to do social distancing. She supports him moving on a path toward gradual reopening. Mr. Ackerman said, they will hold off on opening in general until they are able to get the roads cleared of snow and can have more than one egress and ingress to the park as he feels that would be a risk. He said they may be able to have the entrances cleared by the end of May. Commissioner Morris said she will be Mr. Ackerman's contact person as he works to reopen the park. The Board agreed. Mr. Ackerman said he will work with Public Health and share their reopening plans once they are approved and he can share them.

9. Kat Rutledge

Kat Rutledge and Betty Riley address the Board. Ms. Rutledge said, Business Oregon has a small business relief fund. Five million will go to the Community Development Financial Institution to develop a forgivable loan program and 2.5 million has been released as a matching grant program. The mission is to match 1 to 1 what communities are doing for small business relief. She is requesting to do a coordinating effort with the County. The turnaround time for the RFP is Monday at 5pm. She said, her recommendation to the City and the County is to have Betty, our EDD apply for the funds, if the County can come up with funds then we can do a matching RFP. She said, the City is having an emergency meeting tomorrow night to discuss what they will do. She said, the only snag is figuring out

how we can do marketing and outreach to under served population. She said the money has to be on the ground in 45 days. Betty Riley said she has talked with Lake County and they are on board to do a regional thing. Commissioner Morris asks if there is a specific dollar ask to the City. Ms. Rutledge said, there was \$85,000 left in the pot. Ms. Rutledge said maybe we could get a match of \$250,000, she's not sure. Commissioner Morris said she thinks we should do it, she feels comfortable pledging \$50,000 - \$100,000. Commissioner DeGroot asks, how would the money be put into the businesses in the community? Ms. Rutledge said, it would be an application process for \$2500.00 per business grant. She would like to release it a week early to the under served communities. She said essentially it would be a lottery. Businesses would be excluded if they have more than 25 employees or if they have already received funds from SBA. Ms. Riley said the funds would have to be used for opening or continuing operations. The businesses would need to verify they have lost funds or employees because of COVID. Commissioner Boyd said he wants to know where the funds are going to come from. He said, we already talked about our general fund being super tight and we have negotiations going on with the five unions. He said, the County doesn't have the big pocket of money that everyone believes it has. Commissioner DeGroot said he agrees but the County hasn't gotten many opportunities to leverage dollars and he'd hate to miss that opportunity. Commissioner Morris motions to pledge \$75,000 from General Fund. Commissioner DeGroot seconds and said, we will have to take a look at the budget to find the money. Commissioner Boyd said it's not a huge amount of money but it would help alot of businesses. He said his question is where is the money going to come from. Ms. Riley said there is the potential for SCOEDD to commit some funds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

10. BOCC

1. Sentry Eagle 2020 Letter Of Support

Commissioner Morris motions to sign the letter of support. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. MOU With Youth Rising

Commissioner Boyd said he was asked to sign this but he felt it was better to come to the full Board. Commissioner DeGroot, asks are they looking for an individual or a representative of the County? Commissioner Boyd said a representative. Commissioner DeGroot said he feels they could pledge a representative of the County and that person may change yearly as our liaison duties do. Commissioner Morris motions to empower Commissioner Boyd to serve on Youth Rising on behalf of Klamath County. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. County Guardian Funding

Commissioner Morris said, there is a sliver of funding for this at DD. Commissioner DeGroot said, there are no commitments from anyone else. He said he's looked over the budget again and he doesn't know that the money is there. Commissioner Boyd said he doesn't think we can afford it. Commissioner Morris said she will share those thoughts with Kathleen. Commissioner Morris confirms the Board is in agreement to only commit to the funds that DD has available.

11. Other County Business

None.

12. Adjournment

2:17pm

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