



Board of Commissioners' ***** Meeting
Date ~ Time ~ Room

5/19/2020 - Minutes

**1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To
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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Amanda VanRiper/Human Resources, Eve Costello/District Attorney, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Dan Golden/Juvenile, Jennifer Little/Public Health, Nathalie Johnston/Library, Erik Nobel/Planning, Brandon Fowler/Emergency Management, Shanna Renner/Sheriff's Office, Vickie Noel/Finance

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris approves minutes from May 12, 2020 Admin meeting

4. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request - DA/Exception To Policy

Amanda VanRiper/Eve Costello address the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions to authorize the DA to hire a law clerk at step 7, Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner Boyd indicates that there is likely going to be a budget deficit this coming year, we all need to be thinking about how we are going to deal with the short fall. Unanimous vote. Approved

5. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. Railroad Drive - Gated/Locked Public Road Access

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board, they have previously sent letters to the owner (Mr. Boggs) that he can NOT lock/gate the public road. Recently did call and speak to Mr. Boggs, and the owners concern is that people are going down there and dumping trash, he wants the County to take care of it. Morris explained to him that since it is a Public Maintained road, the County will not pick up the trash. Board consensus is that Mr. Boggs needs to keep the road open, it is not his road to block. Jeremy Morris suggests maybe putting up a sign indicating dumping of trash, Board is good with that.

2. Safety Corridor "Pilot Program" Update

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board explains the State Safety Corridor Pilot

Program, The County applied for the program (Clovercreek, Bliss, Crescent Cut Off and Silver Lake Hyw), but the committee said no. We have a County road (Clovercreek) that is 55mph and study's show that 85% of drivers average 74mph. Would like to see the County implement a safety program within the County Transportation Safety Action Plan that Public Works is currently working on. The hope is that if a Sheriff's Deputy nabs someone going 75-80 and they issue a double citation, then maybe the word gets out and people slow down. Commissioner DeGroot likes the idea of Public Works moving forward with plan for Clovercreek and Bliss Roads, and hold off on Crescent Cut Off for now. Board consensus is for them to move forward.

6. Dan Golden - Juvenile

1. State Revenue Cuts

Dan Golden addresses the Board, discusses proposed 17% State budget cuts, provides recommendations. Commissioner Boyd thanks Mr. Golden for the update. Commissioner Morris has been listening to the State talks and there are different funding streams coming available. Golden just wants the Board to be prepared for worst case scenario. Commissioner DeGroot comments that all departments will be impacted differently. Vickie Noel was on a call with the State on Friday explains a breakdown of money that will be coming to the County's/City's/Special Districts for COVID Relief funding, however there isn't anything for revenue losses.

7. Erik Nobel / Planning

1. South Suburban Sanitary District Public Hearings

Discussion about how the meetings should be held due to the Governors Executive Order for limited people. Commissioner Morris wants to continue the meetings as scheduled. Commissioner DeGroot suggests allowing people 3 minutes for comment. Commissioner DeGroot wants to know what happens if there are several people on the Planning Commission that recuse themselves causing a quorum issue, then the decision would just go before the BOCC. Commissioner DeGroot to work with Planning Director.

8. Jennifer Little - Public Health

1. Health Licensing Office – Compliance Temporary Rule

Jennifer Little/Ramona Quinn address the Board regarding a ruling from the State, will continue to give establishment guidelines but not be punitive. Ramona further explains the State can take her licensing if she does not enforce State rules. Commissioner Boyd does not believe that they can legally take Ms. Quinn's License. Commissioner Morris suggests having Public Health do their "Reminders" and if it comes down to people not complying then contact the State to come down and do the punitive part. Quinn responds and says the enforcement is her job. Commissioner Morris

further suggests friendly reminders then if someone is being willfully disobedient then bring it back to the Board. Marc Henderson comments further on the rule process from the State. Commissioner Boyd thinks if something were to happen from the State regarding Ms. Quinn's licensing then the County should file suit and protect her. Commissioner DeGroot thinks we should create some internal policies on how to respond when issues arise, Quinn responds that OHA has already set out those guidelines. Commissioner Morris reiterates that PH should do their reminders and if there is a problem then bring back to the BOCC for further action. Commissioner DeGroot is not in favor of issuing citations right now. Board consensus is for PH to do their reminders and if there is a problem then bring back to the BOCC for further action.

9. Brandon Fowler - Emergency Management

1. Authorization For Emergency Manager To Apply For The CESF Grant

Brandon Fowler/Shanna Renner address the Board. Commissioner Boyd asks what the strings are for this money? Renner responds just has to be used for COVID19 related items/services. Commissioner Boyd asks if they plan to purchase conex boxes? if so where will we store them, suggests using the mini storage units at the Road Shop. Fowler responds yes, will look into storage issue. Commissioner Morris motions to authorize Sheriff's office to apply for grant funding, Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

10. BOCC

1. COVID-19 Expenses Wishlist For Letter To The Governor

Commissioner Morris asks the Board to elaborate further on their thoughts for this list. Commissioner Boyd has nothing further to offer. Commissioner Morris suggests adding 30% of admin time, gives example of staff members to include. Would like to submit time since 3/17/20 when the County declared an emergency. Vickie will also bill the 80 COVID hours that the Fed's said we had to provide.

2. CRF Funding Certification Form For All Depts Except Public Health & Library

Vickie Noel addresses the Board asks for Chair to sign form for COVID funding. Commissioner Morris motions to allow Chair to sign form for County COVID funding request, Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

3. Library - CRF Funding Certification

Nathalie Johnston addresses the Board regarding signing the certification form for COVID funding. Commissioner Morris asks Johnston to breakdown the funding request, Johnston responds. Commissioner Boyd motions to allow Chair Morris to sign form for the Library, Commissioner DeGroot

seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

4. Fourth Of July Fireworks

Commissioner Morris received a message on Facebook about if Fireworks are still happening? Commissioner DeGroot indicates that he met with Doug from Freedom Celebration and Fireworks are still happening, Commissioner Morris will direct the individual to talk to Doug.

5. Klamath County COVID Grant Program - KMM

Kate Marquez (Chair of Tourism Grant Committee) present. Commissioner Morris presents draft COVID grant program drafted by Jim Chadderdon. Marquez questions if this would be open to for profit entities? Commissioner DeGroot questions how much money is available? Noel responds there is about 130K carryover in the fund, but there are two asks totaling 50k. Discussion about revising the language in the draft. Commissioner Morris asks if the Board is fine with her working with Marquez and Noel to revise the language and get back before the BOCC in a business meeting. Commissioner DeGroot want to include hotels. Marquez indicates the State has already set up a program to help out hotels. Language to be revised to add lodging for profit business.

11. Other County Business

12. Adjournment

2:22pm

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