



5/26/2020 - Minutes

**1. Call To Order & Those Present**

PRESENT: Commissioners DeGroot and Morris, Vickie Noel - Finance Director, Michelle Carpenter - Asst. Finance Director

**2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Approved as presented

**3. COVID Reimbursement Request - CRF**

Presented Klamath County's request for CRF funds which includes, supplies and payroll expenses through May 15, 2020. Personnel expenses for BOCC, County Counsel, Human Resources, and Finance are included, however, Public Health and Emergency Management are being reimbursed by other sources. Commissioner Morris asked that the Emergency management expenses be looked into a bit more as the reasoning behind eliminating them (grant + County match) doesn't necessarily make sense. Vickie will contract Brandon Fowler and Shanna Renner to delve into this issue further.

**4. Klamath County COVID Tourism Grant Program**

Klamath County's COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program was discussed. New documents have been adapted for use. The documents were reviewed and a motion was made and approved to go ahead with the program. Tourism grant fund budget status was also discussed. Current balance of \$268,055 minus Discover Klamath and KCEDA previous requests of \$50,000, Spring cycle commitments of approx. \$78,000, prior projects of approx. \$25,000, 2019-20 administrative fees to Finance, and the \$100,000 maximum expense for the Emergency Response Grant Program will leave \$8,536.00 for the fall cycle. TRT funding for 3rd quarter total \$23,514. Depending on 4th quarter TRT revenue, the Fall Tourism grant cycle will be very small and all reserves will be spent. Commissioners in attendance acknowledge this and expected it. Discussed ensued, motion was made and approved to give Discover Klamath \$15,000 for Ride the Rim and KCEDA \$15,000 for Oktoberfest. If the events are cancelled, they can roll the amount over to the next fiscal year. Commissioner DeGroot will contact KCEDA and Commissioner Morris will contact Discover Klamath.

**5. Funding Requests**

Commissioner's revisited Marc Kane's funding requests for the Klamath Basin Senior Center. It was moved and approved unanimously to fund \$12,000 for the roof and HVAC system replacement and \$7,500 for annual operating expenses. Both of these expenses will be paid from the General Fund non-departmental. Commissioner Morris contacted Marc by email with this information.

**6. Rural Revitalization Housing Fund**

Klamath Housing Revitalization Fund is asking for a \$1,000,000 commitment for a loan to

build affordable housing. The loan will likely take place during the 2020-21 fiscal year, the commitment is what the organization is asking for at this time. Both Commissioners present agreed to commit to the \$1.0 M loan, not sure what the source of funding will be, however, Risk Management, Federal reserves and General Fund were mentioned.



**7. Property Tax Collection History**

Presented a graph and spreadsheet created by Nathan Bigby of levied and collected property taxes over the past 2 decades. The range is 4.25%. Discussed whether or not we believe property tax revenues will be affected by COVID-19 and by how much. General consensus around the table suggested no more than a 4% swing from the current year, however, there isn't a good way to predict other than looking at the history.

**8. Other County Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

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