



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting
June 9, 2020 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 214

6/9/2020 - 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 Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Amanda Van Riper / Human Resources; Stephanie Brown, Alan Brown / CDD; Jeremy Morris / Public Works; Vickie Noel / Finance; Nathan Bigby / Assessor.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request - Community Corrections / Time Donation Request

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Boyd asks how many hours are on that list? Ms. Van Riper said, 8 weeks. Commissioner Boyd asks do they realize once they give it to him, it's gone and they will never get it back? Ms. Van Riper said she made that very clear in her email. Commissioner Boyd said he doesn't know how he feels about giving a guy 8 weeks vacation from other employees when he may only need 2-3 weeks. Commissioner DeGroot said, if they've been informed on the process and they want to allow this gentlemen to have some extra time to care for his child whether at home or in the hospital, he has no problems with that. Commissioner DeGroot and Commissioner Morris vote in favor. Commissioner Boyd votes opposed. Approved.

2. Department Request - CDD Building / Exception To Policy

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner Boyd said, when Rick left here he was making \$26.88/hour and you're asking for \$33.26/hour, that's a 23.7% increase. Commissioner Boyd asks, what will that do to the morale of everyone else down there? We got the work done without him and we're giving him an almost 24% raise. Stephanie Brown said, we created the commercial plumbing position after he left. The technical positions, commercial plumbing and commercial electrical put him into a different class. When he left here he was a Building Inspector II. Commissioner Boyd

asks what is step three? Ms. Brown said, \$30.75. Commissioner Boyd asks Allan Brown, how desperate are you for this guy? Mr. Brown said he has one part time inspector that lives in Gilchrist and with all the building going on, he needs to have someone here. Mr. Brown said, the part time person is retired and elderly and he is worried if he quits the he will have nobody. Mr. Brown explains it is difficult to get the certification. Commissioner DeGroot asks, if he was here in the Building Inspector II position, he could apply for this and he could get the position and he would've received a significant promotion because it is a different classification. Commissioner DeGroot said he'd like to offer it at step 4. Commissioner Boyd asks what is step 4. Ms. Brown said, \$31.98/hour and step 3 is \$30.75. Commissioner DeGroot amends his motion to offer the position at step 4. Commissioner Morris seconds the amendment. Commissioner Boyd asks Mr. Brown about the personality issues that occurred with this person and the previous building official. Mr. Brown said he will keep an eye on it and that is why we have a probation period. He said, he hasn't had an issue with him. Commissioner Boyd said, I am worried about throwing a monkey wrench into it since things are going so good down in CDD right now but if you guys are going to watch it, I am ok with it. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. Department Request - CDD Building / Relocation Request

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Commissioner Boyd said he believes we paid this in increments in the past. Ms. Van Riper said she is not aware of that but the policy states that if they leave within two years, they have to reimburse the County for the full amount. Commissioner DeGroot said all of the ones we've done in the past were reimbursement. Unanimous vote. Approved.

4. Department Request - CDD Building / Reclassification

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

5. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. ODOT Safe Routes To School Infrastructure Grant - Keno

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board. Keno Elementary is planning to apply for this grant again and has asked if we would pay the portion of the match for the County. The intent letter is due Friday and they are asking for the Board and Public Works to consider submitting a project. The match would be about a \$230,000.00 commitment. He said, this opportunity doesn't present itself very often because most schools are in the City limits. Keno is one of those niche ones. Mr. Morris said, Public Works doesn't plan on applying for a Safe Routes to School project. He feels this is a good way to get sidewalks along the frontage of Keno Worden and a crossing that increases safety. Commissioner DeGroot said, as mentioned we did this same letter two years ago. He said he is in support as it's a big improvement to the frontage of the school and the safety of the kids.

Commissioner Morris said, there is consensus the Board will sign off on a support letter. Mr. Morris said he will get the letter to staff.

6. Vickie Noel - Finance

1. Budget Resolution Assessor's Office

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. She said, Nathan approached her about reclassing \$25,000.00 to the equipment reserve. She wanted to get the Board's opinion. Mr. Bigby said, we'll be giving back about \$80,000. Commissioner DeGroot asks, what is the purpose of the \$25,000.00? Mr. Bigby said it's to replace a couple of aging map printers that are about \$10,000.00 each. He said he plans to run them until they break but it just wanting to prepare for future replacement. Ms. Noel said, there is currently \$70,000.00 in there. Mr. Bigby said that is for the new vehicles. Commissioner DeGroot asks about how much did we anticipate coming back from all departments for 20-21 budget. Ms. Noel said, I think it was \$500,000.

7. BOCC

1. COVID-19 Budget Impact Responses From Department Heads

Commissioner Morris thanked staff for putting together the spreadsheet. She said, we found out through AOC that they've come up with the distribution formula for funds that will go to counties. We know there is some funding coming to local governments. Commissioner DeGroot said the amount we get from the State will have a huge impact on it. Commissioner DeGroot said, he'd like to wait to discuss further until we get more information on the estimates of funding coming to the County.

2. Oregon Timber Counties Coalition - DDG

Commissioner DeGroot said he received a phonecall and the subcommittee at AOC that deals with federal forest appears to be going away as people can't seem to learn to play together in the same sandbox. He said there is a group of counties that want to develop a coalition to work on how to manage Forest Service lands the same way they work on O&C Lands that are managed by the BLM. They wouldn't have any staffing right now. Dues would run through Douglas County and Douglas County would have the contract with a lobbyist to help us work the same way we work on BLM issues with the Department of Ag side with the Forest Service. The total cost is \$60,000.00 with our county's contribution being \$15,000.00. It's a five county coalition right now. If we are able to bring in more counties in the future the dollars would go down. Commissioner Boyd said, the money would go through Douglas County? Commissioner DeGroot said, they would process it at no extra cost. Commissioner Boyd said, that is one of the problems at AOC, Jay never communicated with anyone else except Commissioner Freeman. He is concerned that the flow of information wasn't disseminated out to other counties. Commissioner DeGroot said he's had that conversation with the eastern counties and he frankly doesn't agree. He

said, they get reports from Jay all the time. Commissioner Boyd said that is the problem, Jay left out the forest service side and that is why the eastern counties are upset. Commissioner DeGroot said he understands there is that feeling and perception out there. He said his experience hasn't been that. He said, if we have the same type of results as the results we've seen coming out of O&C, that is good ROI. Commissioner Boyd said he has no problem working on it, that is just a concern. Commissioner DeGroot said, this would be an expense from the General Fund. Commissioner Morris said, her impression was always that part of Jay's effectiveness was that he has such a good relationship with Walden and will Walden not being there effect it? Commissioner DeGroot said he is not sure, Jay does have good relationships with many others. Commissioner DeGroot asks, does the Board agree to proceed and I will bring it back to the Board to vote on the \$15,000.00. Commissioner Boyd said he's not sure about that, he'd like to know if other counties are interested. Commissioner DeGroot said he can let the other 4 counties know that we are interested and he will bring more information back to the Board. Commissioner Morris said her preference is that in some capacity, this still has a nexus to AOC because her concern is that these things start going in so many directions. Commissioner Boyd said that is part of the problem the Federal Lands Council thinks so differently from the subcommittee. Commissioner Morris said she understands that and she doesn't mean it has to be part of AOC. She feels it doesn't serve us well to have so many of these different things going on. Commissioner DeGroot said, he agrees but he feels that speaks to the diversity of the landscape of Oregon. Commissioner Morris said, the consensus is to get more information and bring it back.

8. Other County Business

Commissioner Boyd said they released 60,000 acre feet today so we get back to the 140,000 originally promised. Commissioner DeGroot asks, is that being pulled out of the two feet they are holding for next year? Commissioner Boyd said they are saying the influence to the lake was lower than expected and he thinks part of it is that they are pulling it out of the two feet and they cut back the Yurok's.

9. Adjournment

1:47pm

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