



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting
June 30, 2020 ~ 1:00 pm ~ Room 214

6/30/2020 - Minutes

1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To [Www.klamathcounty.org](http://www.klamathcounty.org)

2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Boyd, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Vickie Noel/Finance, Kathy Pierce/Veterans, Jeremy Morris, Lani Hickey, Todd Pfeiffer/Public Works, Marcus Henderson/County Counsel, Stephanie Brown/CDD

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner DeGroot approves minutes from June 23, 2020 Admin Meeting.

4. Kathy Pierce - Veterans

1. July 2nd Office Closure

Kathy Pierce addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd suggests rather than closing the office, would suggest following policy and stagger the days off. Pierce will stagger the days off rather than closing the office.

5. Jeremy Morris/ Lani Hickey/ Todd Pfeiffer

Jeremy Morris, Lani Hickey, Todd Pfeiffer address the Board regarding issues surrounding hiring temporary chemical applicators, which requires Todd to do application work then the enforcement piece get pushed aside, provides alternative options. Commissioner Boyd does not like the option of the County paying for the test. PW would like to try increase the wage for the applicators to entice applicants. Commissioner Boyd thinks the class and comp study should address the pay issue. Commissioner DeGroot further elaborates that in order to attract and retain employees in these positions, we may want to consider the year round option. Commissioner Boyd indicates that other companies manage to keep applicator employees and they don't necessarily employ them all year round. Commissioner DeGroot again questions any thoughts on hiring them as year round employees? Commissioner Boyd would like more information about using those employees for other work year round, such as would it eliminate overtime etc.? Morris further elaborates on what work might not be getting done due to the staff shortage. Commissioner DeGroot asks if we can contract some of that work out? Todd Pfeiffer responds that one of the main contractors has left the area, and the other main contractor wont take the work. Morris to get more information and bring back to the Board.

Morris further elaborates on procedure for spraying right of ways, there is some incorrect

information out in the community. Discussion about imposing an administrative fee for PW processing "No Spray" zones, BOCC consensus to allow an admin fee for this service.

6. Stephanie Brown / CDD

Stephanie Brown addresses the Board with fee waivers from the Senior Center for the structural and mechanical permit fees. Commissioner DeGroot asks for the specific numbers, Brown responds with estimates. Commissioner DeGroot motions to allow both fee waivers, Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

7. Marcus Henderson - County Counsel

1. Hutchison Et Al V. Oregon Counties.

Marcus Henderson addresses the Board regarding a lawsuit demanding multiple County's foreclosing on properties, selling said properties and retaining the profits, would like to join in the class action with the other Counties to move forward on defending this, no financial obligation. Board consensus is to move forward.

2. Septic Disposal Ordinance

Marcus Henderson addresses the Board regarding a proposed Ordinance to limit land application of bio solids, there are County's in California that have such an Ordinance. Commissioner Boyd comments that it is his goal to protect high value farm ground from any contaminants being land applied, would like to work with Counsel on refining an Ordinance and bringing back to the BOCC for approval. Commissioner DeGroot not comfortable with moving forward right now, doesn't think we need heavier handed government, and not comfortable doing this while we are in the middle of a process. Commissioner Boyd further elaborates that SSSD is currently working against the Tribes. Commissioner Boyd will move forward on preparing an Ordinance.

8. Vickie Noel - Finance

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions to approve BR, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

9. BOCC

1. Central Cascades Fire & EMS Request For Cellular & Broadband Project Support

Commissioner DeGroot asks Stephanie Brown to contact them and have them fill out a fee waiver request.

2. Mask Requirement

Commissioner DeGroot calls Commissioner Morris on phone, discussion surrounding Governor's guidance regarding employee requirements of masks starting 7/1/20. Discussion surrounding people having a medical

letter excusing them from wearing a mask, then we don't question any further. Are we going to not serve the public if a public member refuses to wear a mask in the building? Commissioner Morris suggests that we "require" employees to wear masks unless they have a Dr. release. Marcus Henderson agrees regarding the requirement of employees. Commissioner Boyd indicates that some departments have barriers therefore employees should not be required to wear mask, does suggest that departments not let public behind the counter, which would work in some departments and not in others. Commissioner Boyd asks how many masks does the County have? Commissioner Morris indicates around 7k. Commissioner Boyd would like to have each department have masks available to offer public. Commissioner DeGroot clarifies that if a member of the public refuses to wear a mask then they would need to wait till an employee feels comfortable serving them. Rick Vaughn asks about their department since they have a glass wall separating them from the public, Board agrees they are exempt, however all remaining employees need to wear a mask when helping the public or cant 6ft distance, but can remove the mask while working at their desk. Jeremy Morris asks if PW can require people using their research room to wear a mask, Commissioner DeGroot suggests just having staff do the research for now and not letting anyone back there. Also discussion about Emergency Management ordering more masks. Commissioner Morris to send email to staff regarding decision.

10. Other County Business

None

11. Adjournment

2:00 pm

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