



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
April, 22, 2020 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

4/22/2020 - 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; Brian Prawitz / BPMedia (phone); Mel Ferguson (WebEx); Terri Anderson, Chief Dylan Webb / Crescent Fire District (WebEx); Chris Pinkerton / (phone); Brandon Fowler / Emergency Management; Chris Kaber / Sheriff; Jeremy Morris / Public Works, Mark Willrett / City of Klamath Falls.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Brian Prawitz - BP Media Update (BOCC Call Him)

Brian Prawitz updates the Board. He said he the connectivity between the County has been very helpful. Most of the work that they've done has been focused on COVID-19 and will be marked as such in their invoicing. They've been updating the Facebook page and created graphics for it. They've also been providing content assistance to improve communication. They are also still promoting CivicReady sign ups.

5. Cescent Fire District / Chief Webb

Mel Ferguson addresses the Board regarding a petition to vacate an alleyway adjacent to the fire house in Crescent. Fire Chief, Dylan Webb asked the Board if they have questions. Commissioner DeGroot said, you've been looking to relocate, would this negate that? Chief Webb said, we have been looking to relocate for about 4 years now. We are looking to hone in on this location in Crescent. Jeremy Morris explains the steps needed vacate the alleyway and the memo he provided the Board with. There will be public hearings on this. He said, when you vacate an alley part of it goes back to the neighbors, it changes their assessment and there taxes. Mr. Morris said, one thing that needs to be proven is the land use and adjacent land use meets what it needs to. He recommends these things get addressed first. Commissioner Boyd asks, what if you were to stop short of the vacation next to the two lots so people would still have access to the back of their lots through the alley? Chief Webb said, he felt that would be ok. Commissioner DeGroot said, next steps are to have the fire district work with Public Works to make sure we follow all the steps. Commissioner Morris asked if everyone was also in agreement to have Jeremy work with Marcus as necessary. The Board was in agreement.

6. Chris Pinkerton - Data Center Discussion

Chris Pinkerton addresses the Board regarding his idea for a County owned data center. He feels this will be the cash cow the County needs. He said clients are typically government entities, financial institutes, technology companies and healthcare. He would like to build it modular out of containers. Commissioner Boyd said he recommends Mr. Pinkerton reach out to Klamath County Economic Development to get started and he gave Mr. Pinkerton their phone number.

7. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. Discussion Regarding MOU With City

Jeremy Morris and Mark Willrett address the Board regarding the potential contingency funding on the roundabout on Campus Drive. They presented an MOU for the project. Commissioner DeGroot said, we'll need to have County Counsel review this and then it would need to come to the Board on a Tuesday business meeting. Mr. Morris said the project is still a couple years out. Commissioner Boyd said, he agrees with Commissioner DeGroot.

8. Other County Business

Klamath Lake - Commissioner DeGroot asks if the Watermaster has put out information related to the mandamus order from Judge Bennett. Commissioner Boyd said, right now they are saying to contact the OWRD attorneys.

1. Follow From Gov Call Re Open Framework

Commissioner Morris said, all the Commissioners have been on calls with the Governor's office over the last few days regarding the reopening framework. She said, it's her understanding that our first opportunity to put in reopening paperwork is May 4. Commissioner DeGroot said he understands what the Governor has put out and that we need to get working on it. Commissioner Morris said, she'd like to have the paperwork ready to go on May 4th. Commissioner Boyd said he'd like to reopen the building today, it is legal. Commissioner Morris said, we talked yesterday about the 28th because that was the original date we set. Commissioner Boyd said, that doesn't mean we can't move it. She said, she still pulls for the 28th and we need to have a few days to get information out to the Department Heads. Commissioner Boyd said, usually I think we need to let the Department Heads weigh in, but today we don't, we run the County. They just need to communicate with the people working from home and tell them to come in. Commissioner DeGroot said he understands both points. He said, yesterday we had a couple questions after we spoke about this and he wondered if there were answers to those. Commissioner DeGroot said, the union and CIS input. Commissioner Boyd said, why would we need CIS's opinion? He said, we aren't violating anything anybody is saying. He said, he is sick and tired of CIS telling us how to run the County. He would love the unions to stand out front with pickets. He said, we can call the unions today and tell them this is what we're doing. Commissioner Morris said, she's not as concerned with that, it's not asking for permission from department heads, it just makes more sense process wise to give people a few days

leeway. Commissioner Boyd said, lets do it the 27th then. Commissioner DeGroot said, he just has a couple questions, for his piece of mind, to make sure he's not putting the County in any legal risk. Commissioner Boyd asked if he could get those answers by tomorrow. Commissioner DeGroot said he would assume he could. Commissioner Boyd said, there is no legal liability because the Governor can't come down here, we're not under an executive order to have the building shut down. Anyone could walk into this building and have the Coronavirus tomorrow or the 30th. Commissioner Boyd said, it's time to go, it's time to open up. We have 33 cases and over half of them are recovered. He said, he is absolutely sick of this. Commissioner Boyd further expresses his concerns about businesses being closed and the Governor. Commissioner DeGroot said, we're all fighting to get more local control to get things opened up. The Board agreed to continue this discussion tomorrow.

Masks - Brandon Fowler addresses the Board on the availability of PPE. Mr. Fowler said, the majority of what we've received came in within the last week. Mr. Fowler said he continues to be consistent with pushing the suppliers for resources. Mr. Fowler said the 5000 we received would be most beneficial for patients or commercial uses. The second shipment of 5000 is still awaiting shipping. Commissioner DeGroot asks, any thoughts on what to do with the 5000 that we have? Mr. Fowler said, we have a lot of contractors that have a need for these and he wouldn't be opposed to setting a portion aside for contractors. Commissioner Boyd said, if there's any truth that this will reoccur this winter along with the flu, he is opposed to giving any masks away. Commissioner Morris asks if we can work on ordering more, even getting on a waiting list. The Commissioners agreed they want to order the real N95 masks. Commissioner DeGroot said he would like businesses that need them to have them now. Commissioner Boyd said, let's see if we can get some on order now, then he would be comfortable with letting them go. Commissioner Morris said she'd like them to be available for businesses that might have an active case. Mr. Fowler asks, in terms of looking to order the true N95, what quantity are you looking to have on hand? Commissioner Boyd said, minimum 10,000. Commissioner DeGroot and Commissioner Morris agreed.

9. Adjournment

Recess at 10:59am until 1 pm tomorrow.

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