



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
April 23, 2020 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 214

4/23/2020 - 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.

3. BOCC

1. Follow Up From Governor's Call On Reopen Framework

Commissioner DeGroot said he got some clarification on his questions. He also spoke to departments to see where the difficulties might be. He feels we need to give the Department Heads some latitude to develop work plans, the ability to have employees still working remotely as some have children out of school, also some have work stations setup remotely and they would have to bring those in. One department would like to put up plexiglass because they are a high traffic department. He said, there is a decent work plan with the Libraries, he has not spoken to the Fairgrounds yet. He wanted to discuss with the Board's thoughts on what events can be allowed. Can we allow events as long as there is social distancing and under 10 people? Commissioner DeGroot said he'd like to stick with opening on the 28th. Commissioner Boyd said, the executive order says groups must be under 10. He said, there is no way to utilize the Fairgrounds for a 10 person gathering. Commissioner DeGroot said, it won't make financial sense for the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Boyd said, there is plexiglass for the library coming next week. Commissioner Boyd said he doesn't agree with the fact that we need to have our people working from home if their kids are off school. He said, if this was the private sector, the employee would have to figure something out. He said, just because you have kids with no one to watch them, he's not sure that it's a reason they should be able to work from home. He said, he spoke to the Governor's staff and alot of the businesses in town are closed that don't need to be. Those businesses that are not in those four categories on the executive order can be open as long as they can maintain social distancing. Commissioner Boyd said, the large shipment of PPE that the hospital was expecting is not coming and is indefinitely delayed. He said he's in favor of taking the signs off the doors and unlock them now. Commissioner Morris said she'd like to put out a memo to the Department Heads today that we will open to the public on the 28th at 8am, continue to social distance and sanitize and if they need something special, contact their liaison. Commissioner DeGroot said he

agrees. He'd like to give the Department Heads some latitude on working with their employees to meet their needs and concerns. He said, we need to put up signage notifying the public to maintain social distancing. Commissioner Boyd said we need to put up stripes 6' apart like at Fred Meyer. Commissioner DeGroot asks, how do you feel about a department putting up plexiglass? Commissioner Boyd said he has no problem with it as long as they can still communicate with the public. Commissioner Boyd said he wants to open now, this is ludicrous. Commissioner DeGroot said he wants to go with the 28th. Commissioner Boyd will talk with Maintenance about installing the plexiglass in departments that request it. Commissioner DeGroot said for meetings such as Work Session and Admin, for outside presenters do we still want to use WebEx? Commissioner Boyd said, we don't have a choice we have to keep it under 10 people. Commissioner DeGroot said, protocol wise, let's say a lot of people show up for public comment, we'll have to have a protocol on what to do if we have more than 10 people. The Board agreed to set up room 214 for overflow if needed on a case by case basis. The Board discusses the potential for a large number of citizens to attend the South Suburban Sanitary District site Planning Commission meetings. So far the first meeting is scheduled to be done via WebEx. The Board agreed to have Commissioner DeGroot review the Governor's executive order with Counsel and Planning to see if the planning meetings could be held at the Fairgrounds to maintain social distancing requirements. Commissioner Boyd said, in Deschutes County they are allowing no more than 10 people in a room at one time and have televisions setup in other rooms for people to watch the meeting and keeping each room under 10 people rotating as people enter and leave.

4. Other County Business

PSAs - Commissioner Morris said she'd like the Board's blessing to work on shifting the PSA strategy to one a week and transitioning the topics making them a little more time intensive and moving in a more governmental/economy direction. Commissioner DeGroot said, that's a great idea. Commissioner Boyd said he thinks people are over it. The Board agreed to postpone tomorrow's recording of PSAs to Monday with new topics/scripts.

5. Adjournment

1:30pm

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