



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting  
May 4, 2020 ~ 8:30am ~ Room 214

5/4/2020 - Minutes

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

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Brandon Fowler / Emergency Management; Jennifer Little / Public Health.

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Approved.

**4. BOCC**

**1. Reopening Plan Discussion Continued**

Commissioner Morris presented the plan for the Board's review. Commissioner DeGroot said he hasn't spoken to any hotel owners directly. He spoke with Christina at KLCAS. Plenty of hotels have no issues with having COVID patients in their hotels but they did have concerns with having the homeless population related to issues with property being destroyed. He said, there are extreme measures we could take with the hotels but that would mean the large expense we discussed last week. He said, we could setup a triage type facility at the Fairgrounds if we needed to. Commissioner Morris would like to add the language for all three scenarios to the report. Jennifer Little asks, if it happens where these folks are unable to pay, does KLCAS have funding? Commissioner DeGroot said, KLCAS does have funding and they would be willing to look at a partnership to share our portion of the 25% of the funding. Brandon Fowler said, we have not received any new PPE aside from hand sanitizer for the Department of Forestry. The Board discussed testing numbers and PPE. Commissioner Boyd said, we have the ability to rent a panel truck for mobile testing. Ms. Little said, we are very interested in doing that. She said, it looks like the focus is more on getting the farm workers tested but at Public Health, we really want to pursue mobile testing. Mr. Fowler said there is a fire district that has an older ambulance that they want to sell and that might be a viable option. Commissioner Morris said she'll work with staff to make the suggested changes. Ms. Little asks to confirm that KLCAS can get people on board for the hotels. Commissioner DeGroot said, yes and her concern was the homeless population not COVID patients. Commissioner Morris said, all we can do is submit this to the Governor's Office and they can say yes or no. Commissioner Morris motions that with the agreed upon tweaks, the Board

sign the Klamath County Working Together Reopening Plan and get it to our community partners for signature and then to Governor Kate Brown. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

## 5. Other County Business

Eternal Hills - Commissioner DeGroot said, Rick Vaughn communicated to the Trustee that the County is not interested in being a part of the deal that Mr. Gordon proposed.

## 6. Adjournment

8:45am

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