



Board of Commissioners' ***** Meeting
Date ~ Time ~ Room

10/20/2020 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Erik Noble/Planning, Jessica Chastain/I.T., Amanda VanRiper/Human Resources, Myles Maxey/Developmental Disabilities, Stephanie Brown, Tom Crist/Solid Waste, Rick Vaughn, Kayla Wessel/Tax

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris approves minutes from October 13, 2020 Admin Meeting.

4. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request - DDS Step Increase Request X2

Amanda Van Riper/Myles Maxey address the Board regarding a step increase for Jeff Elliott. Commissioner DeGroot motions to approve as presented, Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner Boyd asks if this will create issues with other employees in the department? Maxey responds. Unanimous vote. Approved

Amanda Van Riper/Myles Maxey address the Board regarding a step increase for Samuel Tessler. Commissioner DeGroot motions to approve as presented, Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

5. Erik Nobel / Planning

Erik addresses the Board, South Suburban Sanitary District has filed 2 additional applications regarding land application of Biosolids. These types of applications can be processed administratively, then if appealed would go straight to the BOCC for review/decision. However the previous applications from SSSD were handled differently and went through the Planning Commission, how would the BOCC like to handle these applications. After discussion regarding the proposed County Biosolid Ordinance. Commissioner's would like to see this on the November 3 Counsel Meeting for further discussion/guidance.

6. Stephanie Brown/Tom Crist - Solid Waste

Stephanie Brown/Tom Crist address the Board regarding the negotiated rate for Dry Creek. Previous rate that was voted on by the Board did not include the .34 per ton "Cat Tax" that we must pay total per ton is now \$56.98. Commissioner DeGroot motions to approve the rate as presented, Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner Boyd wants clarification regarding the "Cat Tax", Brown responds and explains. Unanimous vote. Approved

Additionally, Tom indicates that Dry Creek wants a 10 year contract and our policy does not allow 10 years. Brown indicates that we would need to prepare and exception to policy.

7. Lani Hickey - Public Works

Commissioner Boyd speaks on behalf of Ms. Hickey as she is out ill today. The question is does the BOCC see NRAC Committee being beneficial or should it be dissolved? Board consents there really isn't a need for the committee anymore and to dissolve it.

8. Rick Vaughn - Tax Collector

1. Proposed Changes To Transient Room Tax Ordinance

Rick Vaughn/Kayla Wessel address the Board with proposed changes to the TRT Ordinance. Board is agreeable with them working with staff to move forward on the process to implement the changes.

9. Jessica Chastain - Information Technology

Jessica addresses the Board regard changing the County password requirements, would like to change policy to reflect that passwords would be changed once a year and would be phrases. Board is agreeable in proceeding with this change.

10. BOCC

1. Viowies Company's Economic Development Grant Request

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

2. Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone Application Discussion

Larry Holzgang/Business Oregon, Rick Abel/KCEDA address the Board with explanation of the Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone. Commissioner Morris encourages solar development and as it stands now we have many energy companies interested in our community without these incentives, why should we do this? Abel would like to see this designation so they have another tool to attract businesses. Commissioner Boyd states that he doesn't think the citizens want to see these projects in our community, especially out in the farming community. Commissioner DeGroot indicates the Legislation is currently discussing the future of the State Solar PILOT Program that will be sunseting soon. Commissioners question if we do decide to apply could we align the zone boundaries how we like? Holzgang believes that would be fine. Board would like to hold off on applying for this designation until we know what

the Legislation will be doing, probably late spring

3. Oregon Department Of Energy Special Advisory Group Appointment

Erik addresses the Board with flow chart regarding the process siting an energy facility in Oregon. Additionally explains that the applicant (Bonanza Solar Project) has not even submitted an application yet this is just a notice of intent and time for public comment. Commissioner Morris would like to see this information available to the public. Commissioner Boyd reviews letter from Dept. of Energy appointing the BOCC to be the Special Advisory Group to the DOE and a list of things that the BOCC needs to do, when do we need to get these things done? Nobel responds by 10/29. Ultimately the final decision does not fall onto the Commissioners, it will be made by DOE. Nobel agrees. Board would like clear guidance for the public on how and where they make public comment regarding this specific project.

11. Other County Business

Larry Holzgang/Business Oregon: Would like to work with the County Emergency Manager to stock and distribute PPE to businesses in our community the Department of Administration will be providing. Commissioner Boyd asks where we would store it all? Commissioner Morris indicates that Brandon currently stores quite a bit of PPE and doesn't think it would be a problem to store more and help distribute. Board is agreeable.

Rick Abel/KCEDA: Would like to know if the BOCC is interested in preparing an application for a Long term Rural Enterprise Zone, it must be a joint application with the City? Commissioner DeGroot understands this question is being posed to City Council then depending on their answer will bring before to BOCC.

Commissioner Morris asks if the Board would be agreeable to donating 500 of the County's mask supply and do another "give away" to the public with Blue Zones? Board is agreeable.

12. Adjournment

2:10 pm

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