



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
January 8, 2020 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

1/8/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Jeremy Morris / Public Works; Rick Vaughn, Terry Wells / Tax Collector/Property Sales; Vickie Noel / Finance

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

3. Sarah Miller - Klamath Tribal Enrolled, Descendant And/Or Tribal Affiliated Members Partnership With Mental Health And Addictions Association Of Oregon

Sarah Miller and Lana Townsend address the Board and explain their program The Stronghold and their partnership with MHA AO. Commissioner DeGroot commended Ms. Miller and Ms. Townsend on their program. Commissioner Boyd recommended working with programs such as DHS and Lutheran Family Services. Commissioner Boyd said he is putting a group together of community partners and he invited Ms. Miller and Ms. Townsend to be part of it. Ms. Miller requested the Board sign a letter of support for her program. She will send a letter to staff for the Board to review and sign. Tawnee Merritt addresses the Board and explains the Mom and Dad's program.

4. Jesse Withers

Jesse Withers addresses the Board. He is in opposition to the proposed gravel storage pit. He said his main concern is safety and the neighbors are concerned about the tranquility of the area. Mr. Withers said he wanted to buy the parcel the County owns but it was removed from the auction list. Mr. Withers said he would like to trade for a 20 acre parcel that he owns, one for one. Commissioner Morris asks our Public Works Director and Property Manager for comments. Mr. Vaughn said he doesn't know exactly what property we are looking at. He said, addressing the tranquility issues, it's a paved 55 MPH highway make sure you understand the property and the issues. Mr. Morris said the location of the illegally made access on the property is at a bad spot, however, we have two other spots we would use for access. The speed limit and sight distance is 750' and we have that with the other two spots so it is not a safety concern. He said the site is centrally located and it would be in addition to the transfer station site. He said the difference is 20 miles round trip. He discussed the added costs in chipsealing and rock when considering the 20 acre parcel. He said, from the Public Works perspective they would pursue buying a piece of property that is more centrally located than the 20 acre parcel. Commissioner Boyd asks if there is a gravel road on the other side of Whistler's Store that the County maintains. Mr. Morris said he can't think of any off the top of his head. Commissioner Boyd said, the aggregate at the Transfer Station is not enough to do much. Mr. Morris said, that is one that we run out of first because it is constrained. Commissioner Boyd asks, doesn't it make sense to have a bigger pile? Mr. Morris said, yes that's why we would like a centrally

located spot. Commissioner Boyd said he's not sure there is that much cost savings as there's other roads that the County chipseals that the pile could benefit. Mr. Withers says the distance from the 5 acre parcel to the 20 acre parcel is 6.8 miles. Commissioner Boyd said he talked to citizens this weekend and the problem they have is they feel like the government is jamming this down their throat and they moved their for the peace and tranquility. He said, I don't think they understand, because I didn't bring it up and I didn't understand until yesterday day, that we'll be using it once every 7 years for chipseal and once every ten years for Lone Pine. Commissioner Boyd said he wants a win win situation, a win for us and for our citizens, and he doesn't believe shoving this down the citizens throat when the are opposed to it is the right thing to do. He feels we should work with what our citizens want us to do and if there is another proposal, we should seriously look at it. Commissioner Boyd said he feels we'll have alot of problems from citizens when we get into the conditional use permit for this. Commissioner Morris said there are quite a few cost savings and asks Mr. Morris if there is a bottom line. Mr. Morris said we have about \$17,000 into the foreclosed piece so far that is for staff time, survey time and property management time. Mr. Morris said the mileage difference, in a ten year period, you're in to a \$300,000 - \$400,000 gross savings to the County. He said, the 20 acre parcel is in the middle of a noxious weed outbreak and he discusses the ramifications and extra expense of that. Commissioner DeGroot said we are talking about two different projects where you'll need access to this property for chipsealing in the area and for doing the gravel work on Lone Pine Road which this property is on. He said, once every 84 months you'll be working for 2 weeks on chipsealing, the rest of the time we're not there and doing the rock work on Lone Pine Road, the trucks will be on Lone Pine Road. Commissioner DeGroot said we'll be disturbing the peace less and saving the citizens money. He said he doesn't feel that this works and he is ready to move forward.

5. BOCC

1. In The Matter Of Designating The Property Located At 14040 Sprague River Road, Chiloquin, Oregon To The Public Works Dept. For Future Use. - Tax Collector/Property Manager Rick Vaughn

Commissioner DeGroot motions to approve and sign the resolution designating the property at 14040 Sprague River Road to the Klamath County Pubic Works Department for future use. Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner Boyd said he is opposed. Commissioner Morris asks Mr. Morris if there is potential benefit to the neighbors having the County presence there. Mr. Morris said, yes, one thing we don't have at the other locations is emergency materials. A centrally located area could have bridge materials and a sand pile so instead of having to truck those out in an flood or an earthquake they would be stored centrally. In addition, our grader which is currently stored in Chiloquin, a basic A frame could be constructed with a power drop there so then we could just drive a service truck out to the grader. He said the property could be used in an emergency such as when a forest fire breaks out and EOC could use it for a staging area. He said our intent is day time hours only except in an emergency. Commissioner Boyd said you could do all of those things at Mr. Withers property too. Commissioner Boyd said he'd like to trade for Mr. Withers 20 acres. Commissioner DeGroot and Commissioner Morris vote in favor. Commissioner Boyd votes opposed. Approved. **RE2020-010**

2. Counsel Engagement Letter

Commissioner Boyd motions to sign the engagement letter with Mr. Henderson. Commissioner Morris seconds. Commissioner DeGroot offers an amendment to authorize the Chair to sign the letter. Commissioner Morris seconds the amendment. Ms. Campbell said she feels it's a good idea to have Mr. Bartholomew continue to review the items in CivicPlus and have Mr. Rudd continue with the sale item. Commissioner Boyd said he feels we should have the attorney's continue as they are especially with the sale. Commissioner DeGroot agreed and said, at the very least until Mr. Henderson gets up to speed. Unanimous vote. Approved.



6. Other County Business

1. Review And Authorize Chair To Sign Title III Certification Letters

Commissioner DeGroot motions to authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

7. Adjournment

11:00am

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