



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting  
June 12, 2019 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

6/12/2019 - Minutes

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

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Bob Crumrine, Ed Waldron, Jud Lehman / Fremont Winema National Forest; Randall Bailey / ODF; Jeremy Morris / Public Works; John Garcia; Ann Cavanaugh, Mike Cline / Smith Bates; Jarod Johnson / ODOT; Mark Willrett / City of Klamath Falls; Tess Novotny / Herald & News; Paul Hanson / KFLS.

**2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Approved.

**3. Barry Shullenberger / Fremont Winema National Forest**

Bob Crumrine and Ed Waldron from Fremont Winema Forest and Randall Bailey from ODOT address the Board and review the beginning fire season update and fire potential outlook along with the fire fighting and detection resources they have access to. Mr. Crumrine said, we have two hotshot crews, the Winema hotshot crew and our BLM veterans hand crew just became a hotshot crew this year. He said we are proud of it, it's the first in the nation. Jud Lehman from Fremont Winema reviewed the current prescribed burns. Commissioner Boyd said he appreciates all their hard work and he thinks its fantastic that the Park Service, the BLM and the Forest Service are working together as a team. Commissioner DeGroot said he appreciates the update all their hard work.

**4. Jeremy Morris/Public Works & Jarod Johnson/ODOT**

Jarod Johnson from ODOT said he would like to review the access management strategy for the 140 boat marina to Lakeshore Drive project, the Brett Way project and an amendment to the LAA to the Brett Way project. The boat marina project will be done in three phases, the boat marina to the Geary canal. Phase two and three are design only for now. Commissioner Boyd said he thought this was a federal transportation project and it was fully funded. Mr. Johnson said it is being developed by the federal government and ODOT and Klamath County are partners. The largest contributor for funding is from a FLAP grant. He said at one point we thought we'd get all of it but as the project progressed and the amount of filling required the numbers increased. Commissioner Morris asks who develops the access list. Mr. Johnson said, ODOT. Commissioner DeGroot asked how many landowners are effected. Mr. Johnson said 9. He said they are not removing access just improving it and improving safety. There are 30 access points. Changes will be 12 foot lanes with 6 foot paved shoulders on both sides, minor realignment to the curves and continuous guardrail along the lake. There will also be a couple pullouts to improve lake access. He said the project will go to bid next Spring for a 2021 start. Mr. Johnson said minimizing the inconveniences to the public is forefront on their minds. Board agreed they have no issues/questions on the strategy for the project.

Oregon 140 boat marina to Lakeshore Drive project - Mr. Johnson explains the methodology. The Board had no questions.

Amendment to Local Agency Agreement to OR 140 Brett Way extension project - Mr. Johnson said, the amendment includes changes discussed previously and funding. Commissioner Boyd asks about the City's contribution of \$300,000, is it coming out of the City's money that the County holds or out of road funds? Mr. Morris said, no it's not coming out of the City's money. Commissioner DeGroot explains the change from \$300,000 to \$850,000 for the County's contribution to the project. Mr. Johnson said there is an additional clarification to the properties owned by the County. Commissioner Boyd expresses concerns about the County's contribution being 10 times more than what the City is contributing. Mr. Morris asked what is the mechanism to go to the City? Commissioner Boyd said he is fine with the \$850,000 because a previous Board committed to that but no where in the agreement does it say the County is giving the two pieces of property to the project. Commissioner Morris asked, what is the value of the properties? Commissioner Boyd said about \$300,000 for the two. Commissioner DeGroot asked Mr. Morris to review his idea on the property with the Board. Mr. Morris said in the end, it's just the right of way impact for those two properties. Commissioner Morris asks for clarification, what is the value of just the right of way piece. Commissioner Boyd said there is a home on one of the pieces and it would need to get torn down. Commissioner Morris asks Mr. Morris if he's identified something similar in value that ODOT owns that we might like. Mr. Morris discusses the public right of way for the properties that ODOT agrees to maintain as well as the twelve lots on Homedale now. He said we've been brainstorming an equivalent value for the property to secure 10' to the County for right of way on the opposite side for bike lanes, mailboxes, school bus pull out. Commissioner Boyd says we would tear down a house that the County bought for \$200,000 plus so the contribution of \$850,000 is actually 1,050,000. He said so we would use County taxpayer money to widen the road because ODOT isn't going to do it. Mr. Morris said the City is agreeing to own and maintain the road but it is a 50/50 split outside the UGB. Mr. Willrett said the City will put in about 3 million dollars in utilities. Commissioner Boyd said, but that is a cost you could recoup. Commissioner Boyd said he is having a lot of trouble donating an investment that the citizens made after we are already contributing \$850,000. Commissioner DeGroot said originally the language was the \$300,000 would come from the funds the County holds for the City. He said he likes Mr. Morris' idea because it is an equitable way for pre project and post project that the County ends up with essentially the same type of property that we can use to benefit the citizens of the County, if ODOT is able to pull it off and give us all of that back and maintain access to the property that when we get it back there's some type of access so it can be used and we can sell it so we can get some of our money back, that ends up being a great compromise. ODOT will have to go acquire that other right of way to give to the County. Mr. Johnson said, one clarification on the two lots that the County would be contributing, it also specifies the ODOT team would realign the right of way and give back whatever property is not needed for the maintenance and operation of the roundabout and it ends up being about 3/4 to 2/3 of the property would go back to the County. Commissioner Boyd said he would consider this if the State maintains the Landrum Wayside for the good of the public. Commissioner Morris agreed. Mr. Johnson said we can discuss that. Commissioner Morris asked, why aren't the values of the homes and right away and the give back piece spelled out in the agreement? Commissioner Boyd said if the County gives those pieces of property our contribution needs to reflect that. Mr. Johnson said we could do that, we just need to add some language. Mr. Johnson asks if it's satisfactory to add language that an appraisal will be done as part of the right of way process.

Commissioner Boyd said and you need to relieve us of our responsibility of Landrum Wayside. Mr. Johnson said that is a sperate conversation. Commissioner Boyd said he'd like to give this to County Counsel. Commissioner Morris said she supports the project. Commissioner Boyd said he supports the project but is not done negotiating on those two pieces of property. Commissioner DeGroot asks Mr. Johnson if he thinks ODOT will accept Mr. Morris' idea. Mr. Johnson said, regarding Commissioner Boyd's comment on negotiations, it would be palatable to add to the project. Commissioner DeGroot asks next steps. Commissioner Morris said, a revised agreement that reflects property values better and that draft would go to Counsel, in the meantime we get Mr. Johnson a file on the Landrum Wayside. The Board was in agreement with next steps. Commissioner Morris said she is excited about the project, it will be good for Klamath County.

## **5. John Garcia**

Mr. Garcia addresses the Board regarding a reduced license fee for livestock guardian dogs. Commissioner Boyd asks how many dogs he owns, Mr. Garcia said he has 6 dogs and 9 puppies. Mr. Garcia discusses the process of dogs protecting herds. Commissioner Boyd said he is open to figuring out how we can help ranchers and farmers in the basin and he believes the other two Commissioners are too. He said he would be more than willing to try to figure this out. Commissioner Boyd said he would like to think about it for a few days and then he will call Mr. Garcia. Commissioner DeGroot said he'd like to know how many dogs this would effect and what the fiscal impact would be to the department. Commissioner Morris said you would also need to dive into how you would do the verification on it. Mr. Garcia said he appreciates everything the Board is doing with consideration to the County residents and how the Board is fighting for the citizens.

## **6. BOCC**

### **1. Klamath Promotional Magazine**

Ann Cavanaugh and Mike Cline address the Board about the Klamath magazine they are producing. They sent out 10,000 copies of the first print and 12,000 of the second one. Commissioner Boyd said he feels this is a way to support the County. He said he has been to hotels and a magazine like this is in every hotel room. He said he feels the intention is for people who stay in the hotels to take the magazine with them and get the word out about the County. He would like to figure out a way to help Ann and her partners be able to do this. Ann said they are using local writers and photographers and not paying them. She said, this is a demonstration project and this is our answer to the statement, "there's nothing to do in this town". She said, we want to elevate the community and the pride of place here. They'd like to produce the magazine all locally on a quarterly basis. Commissioner DeGroot said he received a copy in the mail and loved it. Commissioner DeGroot said he loves Commissioner Boyd's idea about the magazine being in hotel rooms. Commissioner DeGroot asked, what the cost would be to put one of them in every hotel room in Klamath County and could the County underwrite that? Commissioner Boyd said he feels the hospitality industry would like to have them. Ms. Cavanaugh said, this is an economic development opportunity. She said, we partnered with the Home Builders Association on the first one because we also want people to clean up their yards and paint their houses. Ms. Cavanaugh said anything the Board could do to help would be appreciated. Commissioner Morris said

she likes the magazine. She feels anything to boost morale is great. She'd like to spend some time thinking on what is the best way for the County to participate. Commissioner Boyd said he feels this is where we're all at. Ms. Cavanaugh said this is a start up project, we'd like to see it get some legs, we don't want a handout but we are helping small businesses in the County. Commissioner Boyd said we will talk about it.

## 7. Other County Business

Request for Funding Letter from Reach - Commissioner DeGroot explains the letter, this is the final piece of funding we discussed for the twelve month operation. They are having their grand opening next week. Commissioner DeGroot will work with Sue on the check. Commissioner Boyd asked, do we break it up in twelve payments or a one time payment? Commissioner Morris said it seems easier for Finance to cut one check. Commissioner Boyd said he doesn't care how we do it. Commissioner DeGroot said he prefers one check. Commissioner Morris said she'd like to give them one check. Commissioner Boyd said a big check would be fun to present at the grand opening. Commissioner DeGroot motions to contribute \$72,000 for year one of operations for the recycling line at Reach from the recycling fund from Solid Waste. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

## 8. Adjournment

11:33am

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