



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting  
March 24, 2021 ~ 10:00 am ~ Room 219

3/24/2021 - Minutes

**1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To [www.klamathcounty.org](http://www.klamathcounty.org)**

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

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Boyd, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Marc Henderson/County Counsel, Levi Justman/Sheriff, Aaron Hartman/Community Corrections, Rick Vaughn/Property Management, Holly Dillamuth/Herald and News

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Commissioner Morris approves minutes from last meeting.

**4. Pitzer / Daniels Livestock Hearing**

10:00 Commissioner Morris opens hearing

Commissioner Morris asks for declaration of any conflicts? None

Deputy Justman addresses Board with staff report.

Commissioner Morris confirms date that the dogs were impounded, Justman confirms 3/1/21.

Kelly Pitzer (Complainant) sworn, addresses the Board.

Commissioner Morris questions if chickens were in the coop or roaming? Pitzer responds they were all in the coop.

Commissioner Boyd asks if there were any barriers to keep animals out of the coop? Pitzer responds yes.

Zach Hunter/Michelle Daniels (Dog Owner) sworn, address the Board.

Commissioner Boyd questions the comment that they have offered to pay for the chickens? Zach Hunter/Michelle Daniels (Dog Owner) said they have never indicated they wouldn't pay for the chickens.

Pitzer addresses the Board with rebuttal.

Henderson/Counsel addresses the Board and advises ORS definition of livestock to consider.

Commissioner Boyd comments that the chickens must have been confined to be considered "Livestock", believes the chicken were confined in the coop.

Commissioner Morris agrees and asks for thoughts regarding restitution?

Commissioner Boyd indicates the staff report states a figure of \$285.00

Commissioner Morris reviews impound amount of \$650.00, then \$1000.00 fines, and \$285.00 in restitution.

Commissioner Boyd has a problem with Animal Control waiting a couple weeks before notifying us they needed a hearing and thinks the impound fee should be reduced.

Commissioner Morris agrees and motions to reduce boarding fees by 1/2 (\$240.00) Total of \$1,045.00 to include all fees and \$285.00 in restitution. Unanimous vote, Approved.

10:22am Hearing adjourned

## **5. BOCC**

### **1. Hotel Relocation**

Commissioner Morris elaborates on the parameters regarding the Project Turnkey grant, the County is not in a position to just do something different than what was approved/awarded by the Oregon Community Foundation.

Commissioner Boyd questions Director Hartman what the plan is for the 29 rooms. Hartman elaborates.

Commissioner Boyd asks if all the rooms would be occupied and thus not available if there was another emergency? Hartman explains would depend on occupancy, also has 4 other properties to accommodate those needs.

Commissioner Morris further elaborates that the project can be designed to accommodate many different needs.

Commissioner Boyd was to understand that Community Corrections would be managing the facility and thus other uses would not be available. Hartman responds yes he believe he will manage the bulk of the facility.

Commissioner Morris would like to propose to set up a citizen advisory panel to help organize the project and get feedback. Believes we can make this facility safe and attractive.

Dave West addresses the Board, is concerned that the Board has jumped the

gun with buying this property without a plan (traffic control/more pedestrian on the road) is concerned about crime. Questions specifics about the parolee's that will be utilizing the facility. Hartman responds.

Karen Walther addresses the Board regarding concerns for the drainage district in that area, would like to see environmental impact study done.

Tonie Kellom addresses the Board is concerned about the location and safety of future residents, does not feel there are necessary services available for the residents. Does not believe that due diligence was performed in locating a property for the project, perhaps there is a cheaper property that could be considered one that doesn't require so much work. Believes this is a good program and would like to see us helping our community members.

Dave West further elaborates on the occupancy rate of the hotel, seems to be busy most all the time.

Commissioner Morris asks Hartman to address the concerns mentioned previously about the County's transitional housing units. Hartman responds they have no issues with their other facilities, they are well staffed and secure. Also comments that Community Corrections brings services to the facility, offers an opportunity for citizens to visit the facilities and see how well things are ran.

Commissioner Boyd reiterates that Community Corrections runs their facilities professionally and has the utmost respect for the staff running those facilities. Has a great concern about the 9th circuit court of appeals decision which allows citizens to "camp" on public property regarding the RV park. Does not believe the County should be in the "Property Management" business.

Commissioner Morris asks for input regarding forming a citizen group?

Commissioner Boyd does not feel like a citizen group would be helpful, does not believe the County take applications for this facility, especially concerning the RV Park that is behind the motel. His vote today would be to abandon the project and turn the grant money back.

Commissioner Morris just wants to make sure citizens have the opportunity to be part of the "planning" discussion.

Commissioner Boyd indicates the Courts have made decisions that don't give the County the appropriate decision making ability necessary to run the facility.

Dave West questions a current bill in State Legislature regarding "Camping"

Commissioner Morris does believe we have options as the County.

Karen Walther suggests having Corrections own the hotel and a third party own/run the RV park.

Commissioner Morris indicates we could explore that, will try to address the

citizen concerns as best we can.

Tonie Hartman appreciates Corrections and the work they do.

## 6. Adjournment

11:13am

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