



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting  
April 27, 2021 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 214

4/27/2021 - Minutes

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

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Stephanie Brown, Tom Crist / CDD; Eve Costello, Melina Johnson / District Attorney's Office; Brandon Fowler / Emergency Management; Rick Vaughn / Tax Collector, Property Sales; Aaron Hartman / Community Corrections; Kelsey Mueller / Blue Zones; Jeremy Morris / Public Works.

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Approved.

**4. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources**

**1. CDD – Department Request**

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**2. DA – Reclassification**

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**3. Public Health – FTE Increase**

Amanda Van Riper addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd expresses concerns about COVID not being around for another two years and this would be hiring a person using COVID funding. Commissioner Morris and Commissioner DeGroot were in agreement COVID work would/could likely continue that long. Ms. Little agrees and said, my staff cannot continue working at this level for another two years without more help. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Morris and Commissioner DeGroot vote in favor. Commissioner Boyd votes opposed. Approved. Ms. Little said just to confirm, you'd like me to hold off on interviews. Commissioner DeGroot said, yes but go ahead and post it.

**5. Rick Vaughn - Tax Collector/Property Manager**

## **1. Foothills RFP**

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. He said this is the same RFP with the correction that Commissioner Boyd requested about the viability of financial resources. Commissioner Morris said, ok so consensus is for Rick to go ahead with this. The Board reminds Mr. Vaughn to put this item on a Business Meeting as a prior approved item.

## **6. BOCC**

### **1. Project Home Front Follow Up & Operating Plan Review**

Commissioner Morris said, I wanted to make sure, we had reviewed Director Hartman's proposal last week and we, by consensus, approved it but I didn't know if we wanted to formally approve it. Commissioner DeGroot said I think this proposal is really well done. Commissioner Boyd asks, how does KBBH pay for the rooms they put people in? Mr. Hartman said, they receive money from OHA. Commissioner Boyd asks, what is the average length of stay for someone in transitional housing? Mr. Hartman said, anywhere from a few days to 18 months. We aim for a stay of 6-8 months. Commissioner DeGroot said, is everyone ok with me starting to engage the veteran's groups for me to develop some type of concept? Commissioner Morris said, I'm fine with a concept but I think everyone should start thinking of ideas. We should have at least a couple concepts. Mr. Vaughn said, we still have one person who is unpaid on their rent and he is still in hospital care in Bend. We've coordinated all the rents to be due the first of the month as they were due all over the month. Commissioner Morris asks, how's the physical structure looking? Mr. Hartman said, I've had workers out there since we signed for the property. We are doing some cleanup. There was a lot of debris in there. The fencing has been ordered and we are hoping to have it in the next few weeks. The roofing will start around May 17th. We've replaced some locks and done some minor repairs. We also removed garbage and debris from the rec room. We plan to remove the carpet in there and replace it with laminate. Hopefully we will be able to do doors before we run out of time. Mr. Vaughn said, Aaron got the signage down, we removed it from the Good Sam site and we've secured all the unused utilities.

### **2. Fairhaven Road Dust Off**

Commissioner Boyd said, there's a gentlemen out on Fairhaven Road and he would like the County to put dust-off on Fairhaven Road. I told him I'm only one guy and would have to ask the Board. I think it's a mistake to do this. Commissioner Morris said, so it sounds like the majority of the Board would not approve this. A previous iteration of the Board did approve back in 2015 a one-time dust off up to \$1000. Mr. Morris said, the policy actually is for a road association. It says shall be associated with a road association or homeowners association and they have to bring matching dollars. This is tricky because you are awarding public dollars to a road association. What is the accountability? Mr. Morris said to be specific, he is the only one that has complained on this stretch. Commissioner Morris said, it sounds like there is not a majority wanting to move forward.

### **3. Blue Zones Roundabout Project**

Kelsey Mueller addresses the Board. She said, Jeremy Morris approached us to have Blue Zones work on the beautification of the roundabout on Brett Way. She presented the Board with information on a sculpture planned for the roundabout. The cost for the sculpture is \$74,000.00. She said, we are requesting the County help us to meet the matching funding for the sculpture. The grant is a \$40,000 grant with a 1:1 match. The total cost of the project including the sculpture and plantings is \$157,100.00. Commissioner DeGroot said, Jeremy's thought was he'd much rather be a contributor for the match than take care of the maintenance so his thought was that the City would be able to take care of the maintenance. Commissioner Boyd said, so that would be the City's contribution. Commissioner Boyd asks, what is ODOT contributing to this? Ms. Mueller said, \$75,000 for the landscaping and landscaping architect. The City is also donating John Bellon's time. Commissioner Boyd said, I think the City of Klamath Falls has underfunded this project alot and ODOT, we never said we'd give them two lots then they wanted two lots. I've been against this from the beginning. Commissioner Morris said, and that has been well documented. Commissioner DeGroot motions to pledge the \$40,000 match for the grant from Public Works operating. Commissioner Morris motions. Ms. Mueller said, we would manage the grant. Commissioner Boyd said, I appreciate what Blue Zones has done for the County. I just have heartburn for this whole project. Unanimous vote. Approved.

### **4. Klamath Drainage District Farm Worker Program**

Commissioner DeGroot said, this is an idea that came from a conversation with water users about putting together some type of program for unemployed farm workers because of the season we're going to have. The idea is no to hire any of there people but to see if we can work with one clearing house, water users or on of the irrigation districts where we could put some of the people to work throughout the season doing one of the 200 and some projects that Jeremy has identified within Klamath Drainage District. Commissioner Morris said I think it sounds like a good idea. Commissioner Boyd said, I'm ok with it. Commissioner DeGroot said, I'll continue to work to identify a clearing house and then put them in contact with Jeremy. Mr. Morris said, we'll probably need a foreman to oversee it.

### **5. Community Action Partnership Of Oregon Request For Letter**

Commissioner Morris motions to sign the letter. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

### **6. Contracting Flow Chart**

Commissioner Morris said, this was sent to all of us from Risk Management and is more informational unless we want to talk about it or change anything, but I think it's best just to digest it.

### **7. Dump Day Folo (KMM)**

Commissioner Morris said, when we recently met with the fire bosses, there

was talk of the County doing another free dump day. Commissioner Boyd said the problem with dump days is last year we didn't have one and the year before when we had one and we lost about \$158,000.00 in revenue. Commissioner DeGroot said, we have one coming up in June. Commissioner DeGroot asks Mr. Crist how many people will you hire from Express? Mr. Crist said about 16. He said on a normal Saturday we have about 300 people on a free dump day, we have 3000. Commissioner Morris asks, did we get any feedback from outside partners. Brandon Fowler said, I spoke with Chief Brown and Chief Hitchcock and they were both against any extension of the open burn. They are very concerned about where we're at as the fuel loads we're seeing now, we don't normally see until August. Ms. Little said, from Public Health, we are not in favor of extra burn days. Commissioner DeGroot said, June 12th is the earliest we can do one just because there is alot that goes into planning it but we could see if we could do another one in the Fall. Commissioner Boyd said, last year we did not have a dump day and the tonage was the same as years we had dump days. Commissioner Morris said, I would like to have something we can offer because we are going to have people upset because they aren't able to burn. I would like to have something else whether it be another day or extension of the June 12 in to a couple days. Ms. Little said, you can always have Waste Management take up to three bags of yard debris for free. Commissioner DeGroot said, we should have conversation with Ben as there was talk about them offering a brown bin for yard waste. If we were ever able to do that, it would mitigate alot of the need for things like this. The Board agreed to continue with the June 12th free dump day only and no extension of the open burn time.

#### **8. Fairgrounds Events - DB**

The Board agreed that since social distancing and proper sanitization can be maintained events can continue as they have been.

#### **7. Other County Business**

MGT Invoice - Ms. Van Riper asks the Board for the authorization to pay the final MGT invoice. The Board agreed for her to proceed with payment.

#### **8. Adjournment**

2:17pm

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