



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

4/27/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

PRESENT: Commissioners DeGroot, Morris and Boyd, Vickie Noel - Finance Director, Michelle Carpenter - Asst. Finance Director, Nathan Bigby - Assessor

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Minutes approved as presented

3. ARPA - Uses And Proposals

Vickie presented NaCo documentation of allowable uses of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The list is not all inclusive. Departments were asked to submit projects they would like to be funded by the ARPA and Vickie is keeping a spreadsheet of the projects submitted so far. Nathan Bigby presented his ideas related to creating a "grant" funding mechanism for businesses impacted by COVID to be used to pay their property taxes or for those businesses that are current on their taxes. He also needs to fund a software purchase to allow 7 of his appraisers to work from the field. The Commissioners are agreeable to fund the software one-time set up fee, 7 ipads, training for employees and the 1st year of maintenance and support. The total of this proposal will be approximately \$96,740.00.

The Board reviewed the list of ideas from the other departments and agreed that the geothermal resource to the Baldwin would not fit within the Plan's guidelines. Will add Fairgrounds lost revenues, Ed Staub railroad switch and Steens Sports Park additional bathroom.

The Board devised categories they would like to build on including: County Services, Economic Recovery, Job creation, Housing/child care, Tourism. They will think about individual projects to bring forward in the upcoming Admin meeting to add to the categories and also brainstorm on new categories they may want to add. Vickie will contact all the departments and ask for their total budgeted amounts in 2021-22 for going digital as these costs will be covered by the ARPA.

4. GPA - Federal Relief Dollars - Investment Opportunities

GPA submitted a proposal for investing the ARPA dollars in the Core account. We do not have enough room in the LGIP as the funds are received and this is the best bet for investing. We have plenty of liquid dollars to spend from the LGIP as expenses ensue. We also have \$23 M maturing in the core between April 2021 and December 2021.

Commissioner Boyd is curious as to the logistics of setting up a loan program with a bank to fund housing starts. He feels that the return on the investment could be about 4% instead of the .5% or so with US Treasury bonds. Vickie will research the verbiage in the ARPA as well as the Treasury investment policy.

5. Funding Requests

A funding request from Klamath IDEA for FY 2021-22 was submitted for \$15,000. The Board voted to approve this amount.

A funding request from SCOEDD was re-reviewed. Their request is for \$30,000 for FY 2021-22. The Board voted to approve \$25,000 to SCOEDD.

Discussed KCEDA's additional ask of \$100,000 to be added to their economic development contract. Commissioner Boyd would like to have additional information from Randy Cox explaining exactly how they will be spending the additional \$100,000 before he feels comfortable voting on it. Commissioner DeGroot will talk with Randy and ask him to come into a Work Session to discuss.

6. Public Works Reimbursement For L. Hickey Title II RAC Meetings

In the April 6th Admin meeting the Board discussed the desire to continue to have a County presence at the Title II RAC Meetings, however Lani Hickey who has been appointed to that position, cannot be paid by Public Work funds to attend. The Board would like Title III funds to be used for her wages and travel. Vickie will check with Susan to find out if Title III can be used for this purpose.

(Subsequent to the meeting: Susan has already looked into this with Marc Henderson, Jeremy Morris and the BOCC and Title III cannot be used for this purpose)

7. Tourism Fund

The Board funded the Tourism grant committee's recommendations for the Spring 2021 Grant cycle in a previous meeting, but wanted to discuss adding additional funds to two of the projects. It was voted on by the Board to give an additional \$2,000 to the Basin United Soccer Club for the basketball courts and to give an additional \$2,000 to KCEDA for Oktoberfest. Vickie had pointed out to the Board that of the \$15,000 given to KCEDA in 2020, they still have \$7,500 left for 2021 Oktoberfest.



8. Other County Business

Michelle Carpenter discussed the delay in Nationwide contributions being deposited into their account. She noted that it is important to not rush changes in payroll until you are sure you have everything set up. Interest is being lost and it is not an acceptable practice for retirement funds to be held for this long. The Commissioners didn't sign the contract with Nationwide until April 6th. Nationwide should be ready to accept the money that has been waiting on April 30th.

Vickie informed the Board that there would be many budget resolutions in the upcoming 2 months as we deal with the ramifications of COVID revenues and expenses. Also, many departments will need additional operating transfers to cover the 2% COLA that was given

in 2021 that was not budgeted. The Board is aware.

9. Adjournment

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