



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

5/25/2021 - Minutes

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Morris, DeGroot, and Boyd, Vickie Noel - Finance Director, and Kirby Garlitz - Finance

**2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Minutes approved as presented.

**3. ARP Funding Requests**

Vickie presented requests received for ARP funding from Crescent Fire District and Steens Sports Park. Discuss began on how to fairly evaluate applications. Commissioner Morris thinks the best way to fairly evaluate is to create an application and create a committee similar to the Budget Committee. The Committee would be comprised of the three commissioners, Heather Tramp - Director of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, Randy Cox - Director of Klamath County Economic Development Association, and one citizen from the general public. The citizen would have to apply for the position, be interviewed and then selected. Commissioner Morris would like this be to very similar to the Budget Committee and vote on the applications to award funding to applicants. Commissioner DeGroot stated to do this, and entity would have to be created with Bylaws. This changed the idea to be the committee would be a 6-person advisory committee and the Commissioners would vote to award in a public meeting.

The commissioners felt the applications should be monitored and administered by the Finance Department. Commissioner Boyd suggested this makes the most sense. We create buckets, based on guidance from the Interim Final Rule and the Final Rule when released by Treasury. Kirby will read through the applications and place them in the buckets based on how he interprets the application and the Treasury guidance language.

Vickie inquired if the \$10,000 invoice to sanitize from Maintenance and Public Works was authorized to be paid from ARP funding. The Commissioner agreed, but Commissioners DeGroot and Boyd stated the sanitization is no longer needed. Vickie informed the board the County is currently sitting approximately at \$190,000 in County related expenses from the ARP funding.

**4. State Of Oregon Grant No. 2618 - Vaccine Incentive**

Vickie informed the board she received the agreement for the Vaccine Incentive program. Commissioner Morris mentioned to the board and the finance representatives that she met with Heather Tramp at the Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) on sub-contracting the Vaccine Incentive program to the Chamber. Commissioner Morris further stated she

received word from the Governor's office that other counties are sub-contracting the Vaccine Incentive program.

Commissioner DeGroot expressed his disagreement with the program, but felt if there is a way to get the money into the local businesses of Klamath County, then he feels the monies should not be turned down. Commissioner Boyd agreed with the idea of getting the money into the hands of the local businesses in Klamath County. Commissioner Boyd stated he thinks the Chamber is a great organization, but fears the Chamber will focus on their members and would exclude many businesses who are non-members of the Chamber. Commissioner DeGroot said in the language of the contract, it would be explicitly stated all business are eligible despite being Chamber members or not.

Commissioner Boyd mentioned he met with youth members of Klamath County about what they would like to receive in the way of incentive for getting the vaccine, they all said tickets to Crater Lake Zip Line. Commissioner DeGroot suggested the Chamber gets a list of business who are willing to participate and create a difficult to duplicate but generic gift certificate that is redeemable at any participating business.

#### **5. Klamath Promise Funding Request**

Commissioner DeGroot suggested paying \$5,000 to fund scholarships. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed with a yes vote from all three Commissioners.

Commissioner DeGroot added they will be giving \$50 gift certificates to local students joining the military. There are 16 students from local high schools joining the military.

#### **6. KCEDA Funding Request**

Commissioner Boyd presented a letter from Randy Cox at Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA). Commissioner Boyd stated the letter had changed a lot since last presented and was not sure if the other two Commissioners had read through the new letter. Commissioner DeGroot stated he had. Commissioner Boyd voiced his concern for the additional \$100k was a lot to ask for. That contribution is 50% more than what they are currently receiving from the County. Commissioner Boyd informed the board he was unsure if KCEDA had reached out to any other organizations to increase their contribution. Commissioner DeGroot informed Commissioners Boyd and Morris that the City of Klamath Falls increased their contribution from \$50k to \$75k. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris to pay the additional \$100k for FY 2022 only and reevaluate later. Commissioner DeGroot seconded. The motion passed with Commissioners Morris and DeGroot voting yes and Commissioner Boyd voting no on the basis \$100k is too great an ask.

#### **7. 2020-21 Sheriff's Office Budget Resolution**

Vickie gave the Commissioners a heads up about the Budget Resolution to the Sheriff's Budget. Commissioner Boyd voiced his concerns, because passing this resolution would be straying away from the decision made at the Budget Hearing. Commissioner Boyd pointed out that we are giving as much as we (the County) possible can from the General Fund to the Sheriff's department.

#### **8. Enterprise Fleet Management**

Commissioner Boyd presented the meeting held between Vickie Noel, Commissioner Boyd, and Enterprise Fleet Management. Enterprise Fleet Management presented a

sales pitch to manage Klamath County's fleet. All three Commissioner felt this was not a good fit for Klamath County and passed on further discussion with Enterprise Fleet Management.

#### **9. Current/Ongoing Finance Work And Projects**

Vickie informed the board she is the current process of finishing the Adopted Budget and is looking to get all the budget resolutions in to hopefully avoid any budget violations.

#### **10. Other County Business**

Commissioner DeGroot informed the Board the Chamber is looking at hosting county-wide job fair. There are a ton of jobs and no one is applying. The fairgrounds has stated they would provide the venue. Commissioner DeGroot would like to use \$5k in ARP funds to sponsor the job fair. Motion was made and seconded. All three commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Boyd informed the Board he spoke with Christine with Fire District 3. Fire District 3 is asking for \$20k in funding while they work through their current financial issues. Commissioner Boyd suggested a loan with terms of 0% interest due December 1, 2021. Commissioner DeGroot suggested funding this from General fund non-departmental. All three Commissioners supported loaning the \$20k to Fire District 3.

#### **11. Adjournment**

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