



**Board of Commissioners' County Counsel Meeting
June 8, 2021 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214**

6/8/2021 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Marc Henderson / County Counsel; Leslie Barlow-Hunter / Contracts, Risk Management; Stephanie Brown, Tom Crist / CDD; Brandon Fowler, Emergency Management.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

4. Administration Of Title III Funds

Commissioner Morris said, I've discussed with Emergency Management, since they have the best connections with the fire crews, motivating them to apply so we can spend these funds. It seemed like Emergency Management has been so engaged in this and Mr. Fowler was enthusiastic about absorbing this into the work they already do so I wanted to bring this to the Board for a decision. Brandon Fowler, said we are looking at a lot of mitigation and fuel reduction programs in our County and looking at Title III it seemed like there may be funds there that are useful for those types of programs. I'm fine with doing that and we can absorb it into the programs we're already doing if that is the Board's desire. Commissioner Boyd said, I think that makes sense. The problem I have is that we wrote a job description and gave a person more pay for it. I think if we move this, we need to change the job description and reduce the pay. Commissioner Morris said, I think you're right. Commissioner DeGroot said, I have mixed feelings. Would we want everything vetted by Counsel anyway to make sure it meets the standards? The more eyes on it the better for my comfort level. Mr. Henderson said, I think procedurally, it works better that way, where the administration takes place in area one and then we say, does this meet muster. Commissioner Boyd said, I still think that job description needs to be rewritten and the pay reduced because that is what County Counsel does, they vet everything, that's their function. Commissioner DeGroot agreed. Commissioner Boyd said, I would like to have some more conversations before I'm ready to make a decision. Commissioner DeGroot asks, Counsel what are your thoughts? Mr. Henderson said, we are not fighting to hold on to it. In the everyday world of the paralegal, the everyday administration of grants is another job. Commissioner DeGroot asks, has there been a conversation with the staff member that this would effect? Mr. Henderson said, yes. Commissioner Morris said, what if we make a decision to transition it over to Emergency Management understanding that this may take 4-6 weeks to pass the education and information along, in the meantime we work to move the job description and pay scale back to what it was. Commissioner DeGroot said, how would you feel about giving the Emergency Manager a week to work with the Paralegal to get more in depth on this and

then come back in a week with a final decision. Mr. Fowler said, I would ask for two weeks. The Board was in agreement to put this item back on the County Counsel meeting agenda on June 22nd.

5. Transfer Station Demolition Bids

Tom Crist addresses the Board. We received three bids. Ms. Barlow-Hunter addresses the Board. CIS initially wanted us to issue an RFP, but we declared it an emergency and we obtained the three competitive quotes and CIS was ok with that. Commissioner DeGroot motions to award the bid for demolition of the Transfer Station to Bogatay Construction for \$285,053.00. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Stephanie Brown asks, do we pay and then get reimbursed by the insurance? Ms. Barlow-Hunter said we should receive the bill from them and then we will forward it on to CIS, typically CIS will issue them a check directly. We do have a deductible we (Risk Management) will pay. Commissioner Boyd asks, did we figure out whose responsibility it is? Ms. Barlow-Hunter said, it is the responsibility of the County but any equipment would be on them. Mr. Crist said, I have not gotten the Fire Marshall's report back yet so we don't know what the origin of the fire was. Commissioner DeGroot amends his motion to authorize the Chair to sign the contract after it's been approved by Counsel. Commissioner Morris seconds the amendment. Unanimous vote. Approved.

6. Other County Business

Commissioner DeGroot said, I want to let you know about a couple conversations I'm having about recycling. Some feelings were shared with me by pretty much everyone that recycling and waste being housed in the same facility is making people a little uncomfortable long term. It led to a conversation about what would it mean to have Klamath have a recycling center. I had preliminary conversations with Klamath Works, Waste Management and Rogue. Everyone is interested in purchasing and building to have a true recycling center. Reach would keep what they do. Commissioner Boyd said, I have no problem with you doing the background work, but the Transfer Station was never intended to be a storage facility for Waste Management's recycling and that is not our problem that is a Waste Management problem. Commissioner Morris said, I love the idea of exploring, I don't love the idea of the County building a facility and taking on the operation. Commissioner DeGroot said, none of those conversations have been had.

7. Adjournment

10:29am

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