



Board of Commissioners Business Meeting
February 19, 2019 ~ 8:30am ~ Room 219

2/19/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order, Those Present, Flag Salute

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot; Mika Blain / County Counsel; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Dale Geigle, Ron Matchett / Multimedia; Jennifer Little / Public Health; Jeremy Morris, Lani Hickey / Public Works; Rick Vaughn, Tax Collector; Todd Keple / Museum; Tess Novatny / Herald & News.

2. Public Comment

None. No public present.

3. Agenda Deletions/Additions

None.

4. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

1. In The Matter Of Approving The “Minutes” From The February 5, 2019 Business Meeting. - BOCC

Commissioner Boyd reads information. Approved.

5. Prior Approved Items

1. PRIOR APPROVED: In The Matter Of Issuing A Request For Proposals To Provide Outreach And Marketing Services For Klamath County. - BOCC

Commissioner Boyd reads information.

2. PRIOR APPROVED: In The Matter Of A Resolution Requesting The State Of Oregon Reinstate Time Limits And Work Requirements For County ABAWD Participants. - BOCC

Commissioner Boyd reads information.

6. Orders

1. In The Matter Of Klamath County Transient Room Tax Fourth Quarter Distribution Ending December 31st, 2018. Rick Vaughn Klamath

County Tax Collector.

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner DeGroot asks what the fourth quarter 2017 numbers where. Mr. Vaughn said, we're 12.9% higher and it was \$417,513.36 revenue for the fourth quarter 2017. Unanimous vote. Approved. **OR2019-047**

2. In The Matter Of The Transient Room Tax Administrator Changing The Tax Revenue Sharing Percentage For Incorporated Cities As Required Per Klamath Code 603.610 (Tax Revenue Sharing) Rick Vaughn Klamath County Tax Collector.

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Boyd asks, what is the reason for the change? Mr. Vaughn said the figure comes from the tax collected within the incorporated municipalities so that tells us that for 2018 the receipts were higher than in 2017 in the incorporated municipalities. He said, that is likely due to the third party bookings such as the AirBNB and the VRBO which tend to be heavier in the city limits. Unanimous vote. Approved. **OR2019-048**

3. In The Matter Of Appointing Daniel Leavell To The Central Oregon Cohesive Strategy Steering Committee. - BOCC

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. **OR2019-046**

7. Agreements

1. In The Matter Of Extending Contract With Diversified Contractors Inc. For Museum Skylights - Todd Kepple, Museums

Todd Kepple addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing The PPA Consent Judgement On North Ridge Estates Repositories And Granting Commissioner Boyd Authority To Sign PPA Agreement.

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot said he and the Public Work director have a meeting with the EPA but it is not until April 22. Commissioner Boyd said, he 100% thinks we need to table the motion until after Commissioner DeGroot has his meeting with the EPA. He said he believes they made the commitment to Klamath County to leave Old Fort Road in the same condition it was when they started the project and today, relying on our experts, he doesn't believe it's in as good of condition as it was. Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner DeGroot agreed to table the item until the second week of May.

3. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing The Sublease Of Klamath County Property Currently Leased To Klamath County Extension

**Service District To Oregon State University, Rick Vaughn,
Tax/Property**

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd reads information. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

8. Licenses

1. In The Matter Of Approving A Social Gaming License For The Whoa Tavern, LLC For Two (2) Card Tables.- BOCC

Commissioner Boyd reads information and motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

9. Other County Business

1. In The Matter Of Approving The Klamath County Sheriff To Apply For A Grant From The Oregon Office Of Emergency Management. -Chris Kaber, Sheriff

Commissioner Boyd reads information and motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. In The Matter Of Approval To Apply For The Barclay-Giel Seed Grant. – Jennifer Little, Klamath County Public Health

Jennifer Little addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. In The Matter Of Approval To Apply For The Wolf Depredation Compensation And Financial Assistance County Grant Program. - BOCC

Lani Hickey addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

10. Commissioner Reports



Commissioner DeGroot - It's been a busy couple of weeks. He and Commissioner Boyd went to Swan Lake to tour the pump storage project and the path of the power lines. He is still a supporter of the project in principle but he'd like to have a conversation with the developer about the interruption of farming practices. It should be noted that the Board is very limited in their say on this. This is a FERC matter and the Commissioners don't have the ability to enforce or force the developer to bury or move the powerlines. He said, they had lunch at Kingsley Field with a visiting General from the East coast. He said it was very reassuring about the future mission at Kingsley Field. He also met with ODOT and folks out at Airway Drive. There is some concern that the Brett Way project, where it extends to connect to Airway Drive will increase traffic. It was an opportunity for residents to express their concerns and pick from a list of potential resolutions. There was general consensus that they would like to see Airway Drive not become a through street to the Brett Way project. It was a very productive meeting and he felt ODOT did a good job in being

receptive to the resident's concerns. He was a judge for a competition put on by the Elks Club where he judged essays and artwork by students. He was impressed with the student's quality of writing. Last week, he attended the Association of Oregon Counties meeting in Salem where he chairs the Veteran's Steering Committee. They had great conversations around veterans homelessness and housing and efforts that are being made here locally. He also learned from other counties such as Lane and Clackamas who are doing a great job with transition housing. On Tuesday, he met with a group of commissioners and legislators and he focused on veterans and veterans housing. He will be putting legislation together to present and hopefully be carried. He also met with the Governor and discussed projects relevant to Klamath.

Commissioner Boyd - He went to Salem last week to meet with the Director of DHS to discuss ABAWDS, Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents. According to State records, Klamath County has 3693 ABAWDS. These are men and women 18-50 years of age who receive food stamps. He is excited to work with DHS to help the unemployed to become workforce ready to help fill the 600-650 open jobs in this County. He said, driving home that night, he started to think why did he run for County Commissioner. Fourteen months ago, he told the public that he would work to limit government spending and government bureaucratic overreach. A letter from Cushman Wakefield, a company from Portland, states they were engaged by the State to optimize its state-wide portfolio of leased and owned properties. He was told that DHS currently occupies around 46,000 square feet with a lease payment to \$811,000 per year. The new building would be 92,000 square feet at a cost to the citizens of 2.4 million dollars per year. He asked, how does this fit into the State's goal of portfolio optimization? He said he doesn't think it does. One of the goals on the DHS website is to help people support themselves and their families through stable living wage employment. He said, if DHS is doing their job, that should mean less square feet not more. He said, the expansion makes absolutely no sense whatsoever and he has to question what the Oregon DHS' real motivations for this huge expansion are and what are the real goals for our home in Klamath County.

11. Adjournment

9:00am

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