



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
April 17, 2019 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

4/17/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Sue Murphy, Kirby Garlitz / Finance; Paul Hansen / KFLS; Darin Rutledge / Downtown Association; Tess Novotny / Herald & News.

2. Tourism Grant Committee Recommendations

Sue Murphy reviews the Tourism grant applications and committee recommendations with the Board. Commissioner Boyd questioned Mary Williams Hyde's application and said he feels the project is not quantifiable. Ms. Murphy said she recommended the committee consider some type of control over funding personal services. Commissioner Boyd agrees. Commissioner Boyd asks, how much money is in the fund? Ms. Murphy said about \$200,000. Commissioner DeGroot discusses the possibility of doing a one time large grant. Ms. Muphy said the committee has talked about raising the maximum to \$25,000. She said the committee's plan is to meet before the Fall, look over all their documents and make a recommendation for changes to the BOCC. Commissioner Boyd asks if we should be treating KCEDA the same as we do Discover Klamath.

Commissioner DeGroot said he believes so. Commissioner Boyd said he'd like to not do the \$15,000 to KCEDA. Commissioner DeGroot said he feels the Board should say the same thing they said to Discover Klamath, if this is an important piece that they feel needs to be funded then KCEDA needs to come to the Board and talk to us. He feels they should not be competing with others for the same dollars. Ms. Murphy said she will remove them from the recommendations and let them know they need to come and talk to the BOCC.

Commissioner DeGroot said the one for personal services is a slippery slope.

Commissioner Boyd agrees. Commissioner DeGroot questions Klamath Trails Alliance's two applications. He said, helping KTA finish the infrastructure on Spence has been a priority of the Board in the past, it's an adjustment we made last cycle and he would advocate for the Board to make an adjustment again this cycle and fully fund their infrastructure ask and probably not fund their pocket. Commissioner Boyd said, he'd feel more comfortable leaving the Klamath Trails Alliance as its presented today and have the KTA Board come and talk to the BOCC. Commissioner DeGroot said he'd like to invite them in to have a conversation with the Board. Commissioner DeGroot agrees to leave the KTA request as is. Commissioner Boyd said he feels the City Schools' application is a self promotion and not tourism promotion. Ms. Murphy explains it is a celebration of the grand opening of Klamath Union High School, they plan to invite is 5000 alumni through market and outreach efforts. Commissioner DeGroot questions the Bonanza Museum historical display, there is a committee comment that says this is not tourism. Ms. Murphy explains the application states they feel the historical display will bring people to the town of Bonanza. Commissioner Degroot asks if it fits within the parameters of the funding. Ms. Murphy said she feels it would bring people to the area but isn't sure if it's a heads-in-beds type of thing. Commissioner Boyd said, it could be tourism, there are people that go from museum to museum, you couldn't really do that all in one day so someone would have to

spend the night. Ms. Murphy said most of the committees's comments related to not being tourism were directed toward the hanging flower baskets program. Commissioner Boyd said he feels the baskets support tourism, it doesn't add to it but supports/compliments it. Ms. Murphy said that's where the committee's conversation ended up too. Commissioner Boyd motions to accept the recommendations of the Tourism Grant Committee removing KCEDA and the two asks from Mary Williams Hyde. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. Darin Rutledge / Downtown Association

Darin Rutledge addresses the Board and presents the Klamath Piano Project, a visual arts and music project. The project intends to place pianos in outdoor public places around the County June-September. Mr. Rutledge requests Board approval to place a piano in the a courtyard next to the Court House. Commissioner Boyd said he'd like to check with the Court Administrator first. Commissioner DeGroot said he will asks the Veteran's Advisory Committee how they feel about it as a piano will be placed at Veteran's Park near the memorial. Commissioner DeGroot will follow up with Mr. Rutledge. Piano's are to be placed June 1st.

4. BOCC

1. NSG Audit Letter

Commissioner DeGroot motions to sign the audit request letter as presented. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. ODA Policy Option Packages 310 & 126 Letter

Commissioner Boyd spoke to OWRD and the Water Users Association. They feel all this work is already being done today, this is just additional funding to do some of this. He said there is a little concern about effecting the artisan pressures. He said nobody really understands what that means. He said he doesn't have any problems letting Susan Morgan know we are good with it. Commissioner DeGroot said, with general consensus, Haley please to let Ms. Morgan know and also send her the logo to use.

5. Other County Business

None.

6. Adjournment

10:45AM

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