



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting
May 29, 2019 ~ 10:00 am ~ Room 214

5/29/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Morris, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Morgan Lindsay/Emergency Manager, Mika Blain/County Counsel, Dani Watson/Watermaster, Rochelle Long/County Clerk, Paul Hanson/KFLS, Tess Novotny/Herald and News

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Boyd approves minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting.

3. Morgan Lindsay - Emergency Management

1. County Burn Ban

Morgan Lindsay addresses Board and presents draft burn ban Ordinance on unprotected lands and County parks. Randall Bailey, State Department of Forestry speaks in support of Ordinance. Commissioner Boyd indicates that Tom Crist, Parks Manager has authority to ban campfire burns in our parks without Ordinance, thinks we need to have this discussion with him. Also doesn't think we need to exclude agriculture burning as they are always very careful and don't typically burn during high fire season, Randall Bailey agrees. Mika Blain believes we can implement this but would need to look at changing code and also look at the agricultural aspect. Randall Bailey further explains that he believes the Fire Chiefs could make a burn ban if necessary. Commissioner DeGroot clarifies that County Code would need to be changed first before implementing an Ordinance, Mika Blain responds yes. Commissioner DeGroot further talks about the fire concerns getting worse, believes we need to be more proactive. Morgan Lindsay explains this would be for parks and unprotected lands, which are the areas that Fire Chiefs could put a ban on. Commissioner Boyd would like to work with Fire Chiefs, Morgan Lindsay indicated that the Fire Defense Board agrees with this Ordinance. Commissioner Boyd is concerned about enforcement. Commissioner Morris believes this would just be another layer of teeth. Randall Bailey explains regarding State parks they set a ban at their level. Commissioner Boyd clarifies that Tom Crist has the authority at the County Park level. Mika Blain reviews County Code that allows Parks Manager to ban fires in County Parks. Commissioner DeGroot would like to see Fire Defense Board send letter to Tom Crist so the ban is not imposed too early, but in conjunction with other agency bans. Commissioner Boyd would like Counsel to look into procedure before we go any further.

4. **Marc Kane, Senior Center - Funding Request**

Mark Kane addresses the Board and presents letter requesting funding to help with maintenance and repairs needed at the Senior Center, looking to be around 180K, is asking for 25k from County. Realizes it is a County owned building and they lease it for 1.00 a year and are responsible for maintenance, but these repairs are out of their reach financially. Has asked City for 25K, is looking at loans and grants and is getting donations from public as well. Commissioner Boyd is concerned about where money would come from as General Fund is extremely tight. Commissioner DeGroot would like this matter added to next Finance meeting on 6/25 for research to be done, Commissioner Morris agrees. Commissioner Boyd will get information to Sue for her next meeting on 6/25

5. **Jerry Jones**

Jerry Jones addresses the Board with concerns regarding Modoc Point Irrigation District and how they recruit or dont recruit for vacant positions on their Board, presents documents, believes their election that is taking place now is illegal. Addiionally talks about issues regarding Sprague River water and how he has facilitated them getting their water this year. Commissioner Boyd questions if their election has to go through the County Clerk? Rochelle Long, County Clerk indicates no, there is state statute allowing them to have their own election. Commissioner DeGroot asks what he wants the BOCC to do? Jones indicates he would like BOCC to disqualify their election, Clerk indicates that he can file a formal complaint with the State, gives him information and explains process. Commissioner Boyd indicates that he will check with County Counsel about BOCC's authority and get back to him, but for now he needs to work with the Clerk on the the formal process with the State. Clerk explains if he comes to her office she will help him get ahold of someone.

Dani Watson, Watermaster asks Jones for further clarification regarding his allegations regarding the Sprague River water situation. She explains the system and that she has been very diligent regarding measurements and that is why water is still on, does not appreciate the allegations.

6. **Other County Business**

None

7. **Adjournment**

10:35 am

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