



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting  
June 19, 2019 ~ 10:00 am ~ Room 214

6/19/2019 - Minutes

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

10:00 am, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Morris, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Mika Blain/County Counsel, Lisa Jackson/Human Resources, Sue Murphy/Finance, Paul Hansen/KFLS,

**2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Commissioner Boyd approves minutes from June 12, 2019 meeting.

**3. Barry Imler - Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit**

Barry Imler, Fremont-Winema National Forest presents back ground for Lakeview Federal Sustainable Yield Unit and the continuing deficiencies, they are now accelerating the ten year review process to help determine it's future. Commissioner Boyd asks why the unit is detrimental to Collins Pine? Imler responds that they are limited to where they may buy timber so long as the unit exists and they are requesting suspension of the unit. Chuck Burley, Fremont-Winema National Forest indicates they have hired a consultant to get information, additionally they will be taking public comment and holding a public hearing during this process to help get information to the Chief for final decision regarding the units future. Commissioner Boyd would like to know how many board feet the forest is growing per year, are we harvesting more than what is growing? Imler responds that they are cutting pursuant to Federal policies and doesn't have a number regarding the growth. Commissioner Boyd has issue with Federal policy, and that needs to get changed the timber belongs to the citizens not the government. Imler father comments that they met with Lake County Commissioners yesterday, they are in support of suspending the unit will be providing a letter to that effect. Commissioner Boyd asks what happens if then unit is suspended. Imler states that it then opens up for anyone to bid, increases competition. Commissioner DeGroot would like to sustain the unit and even make the unit larger. Commissioner Boyd asked Vince Bellici, Sprague River citizen to be here and asked Imler to have a conversation with him.

Vince Bellici gives update to the Board regarding the Forest Service shutting down the roads out in the Sprague River area, limiting citizens access for hunting and wood cutting. The Forest Service has changed and restricted things so much, the citizens can't do much of anything in the forests. Asked for better communications between all the agencies when changes are being made.

**4. Multi Agency TMDL Discussion**

Mark Willrett, Nathan Cherpeski/ City of Klamath Falls, Mike Johnson, Paul Simmons/Water Users, Michael Fritschi, Jim Bellet South Suburban Sanitary District,

Scott Mcenroe/Columbia Forest Products, John Dressel/Collins Products, Lani Hickey, Stan Strickland/Public Works. Commissioner Boyd states that would like advice/information on how the County can help support all entities continue operations given the restrictions from DEQ, appreciates everyone being present for this discussion. Mika Blain indicates that the County will be submitting a comment letter. Lani Hickey comments about their implementation plan, but it doesn't include temperature issues. Mark Willrett is working with DEQ regarding what the requirements will be. Paul Simmons asks how serious is the compliance issue? Willrett responds very serious, looking at needing to cool water up to 30 degrees. Michael Fritschi responds with their compliance issues, they looking at plan to get out of the Klamath River all together, would like to keep rates between 40-45 per month to their customers. Simmons indicates there are bypass flows for irrigation districts that they are looking into, asks if City has a reuse option?, Willrett responds they are exploring it, but extremely expensive option. Cherpeski indicates this is so frustrating because they get different rules from different agencies. Simmons is preparing summary memo regarding the requirement related to Ag, will share that information. John Dressell states Collins does not discharge their industrial water, they infiltrate into wetlands, is looking at renewing permit for future expansion. Scott Mcenroe/Columbia has one of the oldest permits on the west coast, the only way they can process logs is to lower them into the river for 2 week storage then process the logs. Columbia does not discharge any kind of processed water so this isn't a huge concern for them, they are working with DEQ to stay on top of any concerns. Lani Hickey indicates that the Drainage district will be affected by these requirements. Stan Strickland attended a meeting many many years ago regarding these issues, been a discussion for a long time, may need to get some sort of study done. Commissioner Morris indicates that the BOCC plans to have a presence at the meeting on the 26. Commissioner Boyd reiterates that the County is here to help.

## **5. BOCC**

### **1. 457 Fund Lineup Discussion**

Board calls Ned Taylor/HYAS Group, he reviews the recommended fund lineup for the 457 plan and mapping schedule, there are 9 stand alone funds and 10 target date funds. Jackson asks about the premix vanguards, is this defaulted or can participants change to a different portfolio. Ned responds, those will be defaults only if some does not provide a different investment, any participate can transfer on any day the market is open. Commissioner Boyd comments that the 65 age doesn't make sense in today's world when Social Security doesn't acknowledge retirement till 67. Ned responds. Commissioner Boyd would like to see flexibility with the funds. Jackson asks if there is an option for premixed portfolio (Low, medium, high risk) as opposed to age based portfolio? Ned responds. Commissioner Boyd asks where this lineup puts us in comparison to other counties. Ned responds, comparing to the counties they work with, this particular lineup is better than most. Commissioner Boyd understands that the BOCC needs to decide if they are going to allow loans once switched to Nationwide. Commissioner Morris asks why we wouldn't allow loans? Commissioner Boyd responds. Blain responds that people should manage their own money and be responsible. Commissioner Morris would like to allow loans. Ned responds that other counties do allow loans and removing that feature will get a lot of pushback, and less participation. Murphy asks if there is a provision to cash out the account? Jackson believes it would only be at separation. Ned

indicates that could be done if there is a hardship but would have to provide proof of hardship for IRS purposes, would be subject to taxes and applicable penalties. Jackson further elaborates that loans can be set up to have restrictions. Board consensus is to allow loans. Commissioner Boyd wants the County to stay out of those agreements, everything should go through Nationwide. Ned will follow up with Nationwide regarding the decision. Commissioner Boyd motions to adopt the plan as presented, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

## 6. Other County Business

## 7. Adjournment

11:12 am

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