3/9/2021 - Minutes

1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To www.klamathcounty.org

2. Call To Order & Those Present
   Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Stephanie Brown, Erik Nobel/CDD/Planning, Vickie Noel/Finance, Rick Vaughn/Tax Collector, Jennifer Little/Public Health

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting
   Commissioner Morris approves minutes from last Work Session meeting.

4. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

   1. Urban TSP Update
      Jeremy Morris addresses the Board with update, and figures. Board is agreeable with Public Works moving forward.

   2. Planning / Addressing
      Jeremy Morris, Erik Nobel, Stephanie Brown address Board regarding transferring the Addressing process to the CDD/Planning Department. Commissioner Morris asks how Planning feels about that transfer, Nobel responds the fee structure may be confusing/create more work. Discussion about how the fee structure would work. Commissioner DeGroot explains that looking at increasing fees in Planning, suggests bringing this issue and other increases back next week. Commissioner Boyd asks how addressing ended up in Public Works anyway? Morris responds. Nobel indicates that other County's are about 1/2 and 1/2 some do addressing in Planning some in Public Works. Commissioner DeGroot again indicates will bring the Addressing fee and Planning fee increase to Admin next week. Board is agreeable to moving the addressing process to Planning.

5. Jennifer Little - Public Health

   1. Approval Of Crescent Community Center Club Agreement
      Jennifer Little addresses Board for approval to enter into agreement for vaccine clinic up in Chemult at Community Center. Commissioner Boyd
questions detail of agreement regarding responsibility of tables/chairs and garbage. Little responds. Commissioner Morris motions to approve agreement, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

6. BOCC

1. Strategic Budget Follow Up Finalization
   Board reviews Commissioner Morris’ draft document. Commissioner Boyd would like public safety added to this document. Commissioner DeGroot is agreeable with contents of document with public safety being added. Board consensus for Vickie to proceed with discussed revisions.

2. RSIS 2nd Site Application
   Commissioner Morris/Rick Vaughn address the Board with a 2nd RSIS application for approval. Commissioner DeGroot motions to authorize Chair to sign application, Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. Drought Decalartion
   Brandon Fowler/Commissioner DeGroot address the Board regarding a letter received from KWUA asking the Board to consider a drought declaration. Commissioner DeGroot reviews previous years process. Discussion about timing of approving the resolution/declaration. Commissioner DeGroot would like to get done sooner rather than later, motions signing today, Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

4. Project Home Front Press Release
   Commissioner Boyd is not in favor of a press release until we actually accept the grant. Commissioner DeGroot is comfortable with providing a quote to the Foundation for their press release. Commissioner Boyd comments about how this particular project has been on multiple agendas and listed under multiple names, is that to deceive him (as he is against this project) or the public. Commissioner Boyd further comments that the intent for this grant was to house displaced fire victims and COVID victims and right now we don’t have either. Commissioner DeGroot comments that the intent was for displaced persons. Commissioner Boyd again questions why we would pay full price for the hotel knowing it needed $250,000 in repairs. Commissioner DeGroot indicates that we have an appraisal for the full amount, Commissioner Boyd indicates he has never seen it. Additionally Commissioner Boyd wants to know how and who will be maintaining the property. Commissioner Boyd again reiterates that he is not comfortable with a press release at this time.
   Commissioner Morris indicates that Director Hartman and Director Little as well as other highly regarding community partners really support this project to fill some of our community needs and feels both directors run great programs and has confidence in both of them with this project, this property will be great if we actually had to house displaced citizens. Commissioner Boyd further comments that this will be a drain on our budget and doesn’t feel we can pay to maintain this property. Commissioner DeGroot disagrees and explains his position regarding potential revenue. Commissioner Morris explains that the
Foundation can issue a press release without Board approval, but would like to provide quote. Commissioner DeGroot is happy to provide a quote and is wholeheartedly in support of this project. Commissioner Morris motions to authorize press release as presented, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioners Morris and DeGroot vote in favor, Commissioner Boyd adamantly opposed.

7. **Other County Business**

Commissioner DeGroot addresses Board regarding the COVID Relief bill (if passed) will allocate dollars to Klamath County (13.2 million split into two payments 1st within 60 days of passage and 2nd payment in 12 months). Would like to see the BOCC working on prioritizing how those dollars should be spent regarding projects in the community, presents ideas that he feels are worthy of consideration. Board to review ideas and bring back in couple weeks.

Commissioner Boyd met with Sergeant Kaber yesterday, now that the Sergeants are no longer in a Union they would like to add a 4-step pay scale as well as $2000 Veba contribution annually (Sergeants ONLY) as their health benefits have decreased and they now have more out of pocket costs. Commissioner Morris indicates that we have been trying to get all employees on an equal level and would like to get HR's take, Commissioner Boyd will go chat with HR.

Commissioner Morris wants to know if the BOCC is amenable to having the person not chosen to serve on the Budget Committee serve as an Alternate. Board is agreeable.

8. **Adjournment**

2:00 pm

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