



**Board of Commissioners' County Counsel Meeting
June 11, 2019 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214**

6/11/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

10:51am Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Mika Blain / County Counsel; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Sue Murphy / Finance; Renee Blakely, Lisa Jackson / Human Resources; Jeremy Morris, Lani Hickey, Marylou Wilton, Ryan Hamilton / Public Works; Mark Johnson / Klamath Water Users Association.

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Approved.

3. Appointment Of County Surveyor

Mika Blain explains our Surveyor, Mike Markus passed away last week. We currently have a Deputy Surveyor, Ryan Hamilton. She said, the Board needs to appoint a replacement Surveyor. Ryan Hamilton said he feels it will be difficult to find someone to replace Mike and asked what the time frame is. Commissioner DeGroot said, it's his understanding that the time frame is open. He feels to be fair, it should be open for a time. He would like to have something done this summer so the person could file for election in March and for the ballot in May 2020. Commissioner Morris said we did this for the Assessor and the Clerk and she feels this is an appropriate process to do again. Commissioner Boyd asks if there is any statute that talks about Surveyors and if there is a requirement. Ms. Blain said she doesn't know. Mr. Hamilton said he has plenty to do with Public Works and his original intention was to help Mike out. He said the Jackson County Surveyor agreed to help us out. Mr. Hamilton said he is willing to help out but we need to be realistic on a compensation basis. Commissioner DeGroot said he appreciates Mr. Hamilton stepping up. Mr. Hamilton asks the Board to review the compensation that we are going to offer. Commissioner Morris asked Renee Blakely if the compensation board looked at this. Ms. Blakely said they did and there was no recommendation for a change based on the hours the Surveyor worked at the time. Ms. Blakely said we have the figures from the comp study. Commissioner DeGroot asked Ms. Blakely to email those numbers to the Board. Commissioner DeGroot said we'll move as quickly as we can. Mr. Hamilton asked, what is the time frame? Commissioner Boyd said this time next week. Commissioner DeGroot asked if there is anyone besides Mr. Hamilton in the department that has the qualifications. Mr. Hamilton said, no. Commissioner DeGroot asked how many hours a week this position demands. Mr. Hamilton said he'd like to get 2-3 hours a day in just to keep afloat. He said he will limit himself to what he feels he can do, construction survey. He will ship the rest over the hill. Ms. Blakely said currently the position is budgeted as a .3 FTE. She asked Mr. Hamilton how many hours realistically we need to expect for a new person coming in. Mr. Hamilton said it's a full time job.

4. TMDL Matter

Lani Hickey explains our implementation plan. She said back in 2010, we contacted Houston Engineering and came up with an implementation plan to tell us what we need to

do to meet the TMDL requirements. She said, each year in January she submits a report to the DEQ to fulfill our requirements. It was her understanding that for quite a while we were the only ones that had a plan. She said we are sitting pretty well with our implementation plan. Ms. Blain asked based on the new proposed TMDLs, will we need to amend this? Ms. Hickey said, it addresses temperatures so yes, we will have to make some revisions. One of the big concerns from the discussion before is the geothermal that goes into our system and the canals. Commissioner Boyd said, who is putting the geothermal into the canals? The City. The City passed codes against pumping and dumping by businesses and individuals so the private citizen cannot do it. He said, the City refuses to follow their own codes. He said the City needs to follow their own code and quit pumping and dumping when they're heating the Ella Redkey pool. Ms. Blain said she reached out to Paul Simmons and Mark Johnson to discuss the idea to get everybody together to discuss everyone's concerns. Ms. Hickey said having a meeting with a collective group, all the DMAs, to voice their concerns and discuss our plan of action is necessary. Mark Johnson asked if the County is part of the stewardship agreement. Ms. Hickey said, not to our knowledge. Mr. Johnson said it may be worthwhile for the County to be involved. Commissioner Boyd said it's worthwhile to be there to represent the people of the County. Mr. Morris and Mr. Johnson is they are working on submitting a letter and Mr. Johnson said yes. Ms. Blain said we're working toward submitting our comments. Mr. Johnson said they've made contact with Oregon Water Resources and the Oregon Farm Bureau. Commissioner DeGroot said, in my meeting with the City and South Suburban, they basically said, if these changes are made, we're getting out of the river. Commissioner Boyd agreed, we need to send a letter. Mr. Morris asked who is drafting it? Ms. Blain said last time it was Kincaid and she'll work on that. She said she will also work on getting a meeting together next week.

5. Other County Business

Commissioner Boyd asks about the Slade gas station at the end of Day School Road. Ms. Blain said she will be working on that. Commissioner Boyd said if they are getting ready to sell the property, we need to get in line.

6. Adjournment

11:25am

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