



Board of Commissioners' Business Meeting
March 2, 2021 ~ 8:30am ~ Room 219

3/2/2021 - Minutes

**1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To
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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Dale Geigle / Multimedia; Jennifer Little / Public Health; Jeremy Morris, Todd Pfeiffer / Public Works; Chris Kaber / Sheriff; Vickie Noel / Finance; Nathalie Johnston / Library.

3. Public Comment

**1. To Give Public Comment, You May Attend The Meeting In Person Or
Join The Meeting Remotely. To Join Remotely, Click The Link Or Call
The Number Below:**

None. No public present.

4. Agenda Deletions/Additions

None.

5. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

**1. In The Matter Of Approving The Minutes From The February 23, 2021
Business Meeting. - BOCC**

Approved.

6. Bids/Awards/Proposals

**1. In The Matter Of An Authorization To Issue An Invitation For Bids For
The 2021 Klamath Falls Urban Area ADA Ramps Project. Jeremy Morris,
Public Works**

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions.
Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

7. Orders

1. In The Matter Of Appointing Katie Walker To The Library Advisory Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2021-057

8. Agreements

1. In The Matter Of Requesting Board Approval For The Klamath County Sheriff's Office To Enter Into And Sign An Addendum To Previously Approved Agreement With Stephen Hedlund To Retain Legal Services. Chris Kaber-Sheriff

Sheriff Kaber addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Boyd asks about the language in the motion, it reads that it is for more people other than just the sergeants. Sheriff Kaber said, I see your point, in the attached document it lines out every sergeant by name. Commissioner Boyd amends the motion to include the Sheriff, the two lieutenants and the sergeants. Commissioner Boyd amends the motion to include only the people listed on the agreement. Commissioner DeGroot seconds the amendment. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. In The Matter Of An Agreement Between Klamath County And Pacific Power & Light Company For Noxious Weed Control. Todd Pfeiffer, Weed Control

Todd Pfeiffer addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. In The Matter Of Modification P00004 To Agreement No. R17PC00076 Between The Bureau Of Reclamation And Klamath County For Weed Control. Todd Pfeiffer, Weed Control

Todd Pfeiffer addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

4. In The Matter Of PO No 108374 Between The Oregon Department Of Transportation And Klamath County For Noxious Weed Control. Todd Pfeiffer, Weed Control

Todd Pfeiffer addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Morris said, I will note that both Risk and Counsel did not sign off on this. There is no indemnification to protect the County in wetlands. I have a huge issue with that. Commissioner Boyd asks, Mr. Pfeiffer how long have we been doing this contract? Mr. Pfeiffer said, roughly 10 years. Commissioner Boyd said, and we're using chemicals appropriate to wetlands and I'm sure your applying it according to the label so we should see no problem. Mr. Pfeiffer said, no we should see no problems and the area is titled Lost River Wetland, most of it is range land. Most of the work is done where they seeded, most of the waters edge doesn't

get sprayed because they planted willows in there so you can't spray it. We do do a little bit of pepper weed out in the tule island but that's like two hours work every year. Commissioner DeGroot said, I'd like to discuss this with Counsel. The Board agreed to table the item until after Commissioner DeGroot can speak with Counsel. Commissioner Boyd withdraws the motion. Commissioner DeGroot seconds the withdraw. Unanimous vote to withdraw the motion.

5. In The Matter Of Approval Of Amendment #17 To Agreement #159817 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) For Financing Of Public Health Services Between The State Of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), And Klamath County, Acting By And Through Klamath County Public Health (KCPH). – Jennifer Little, Public Health

Jennifer Little addresses the Board. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

9. Other County Business

1. In The Matter Of Approving The Investment Policy Statement For Klamath County Treasurer's Investment Pool – Vickie Noel, Treasurer

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

10. Library Service District

1. In The Matter Of Authorizing The Klamath County Library To Accept A Quote And Sign For A 2021 Ford Escape From Lithia Ford Of Klamath Falls. Nathalie Johnston. Library Service District

Commissioner Morris recesses the Business Meeting and opens the Library Service District meeting at 8:51 am. Nathalie Johnston addresses the Board. Commissioner Boyd motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner Morris closes the Library Service District meeting and reopens the Business Meeting at 8:53 am.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner DeGroot - We started working through our budget process last week. There is a lot going on in the state and at the national level that could have significant impact on our budget so the majority of my time, aside from meetings, has been spent reading and understanding legislation that is in Washington and in Salem. The budget is tight and we have a lot of work in front of us to make sure we are providing the best services to the county while still being good stewards of county resources. Some of the bills moving through Salem are extraordinarily concerning. There are some things where we have some decent opportunities to make input and modifications to the bills so that the impacts to Klamath County are either positive or neutral. I appreciate the help from all of the staff at the Association of Oregon Counties and the staff at O&C counties. There is



alot of discussion surrounding SRS and PILT, that legislation being led by Senator Wyden and Senator Crapo from Idaho. It is really intriguing and if successfull would have significant impacts to Klamath County over the next decade so I am paying alot of attention to that and trying to get my two cents in.

Commissioner Boyd - I spent last week looking at budgets. The County's budget will be tighter than it's been since I've been here. It is pretty concerning to me just where we are at. Somehow the County is going to have to figure out how to fund public safety in a more consistent manner. I've also been working with our water resources department to work on the drought declaration.

Commissioner Morris - We are knee deep in budgets right now. On a positive front, we received word from the State that we are moving out of the high risk level and into the next level down, moderate. Thank you Klamath County for really stepping up and doing your part. Of course lots of people have questions about vaccines, the over 65 became eligible this week and there is plenty of information on the Oregon Health Authority and our Public Health website on how to get a vaccine if you want one. Often times, it's best to go through your own physician so if you have a primary care doctor, the best first step is to go through them.

12. Adjournment

9:00am

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