



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting January 31, 2023 ~ 1:00 pm ~ Room 214

1/31/2023 - 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 DeGroot, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Glen Gregory, Molly Fitzgerald/Maintenance, Dan Golden/Juvenile, Jennifer Little/Public Health, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Vickie Noel/Finance, Chris Kaber, Brian Bryson/Sheriff, Tara Gallagher /OSU, Derrick Rowley/Fairgrounds, Kathy Pierce/Veterans, Aaron Hartman/Community Corrections, Rick Vaughn/Property Management, Stephanie Brown/CDD, Vickie Noel, Natalie Parker/Finance

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner DeGroot approves minutes from 1/24/31 Admin Meeting.

4. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. Authorization To Apply For Community Paths Grant

Commissioner Minty motions to authorize Jeremy Morris to apply for Community Path's Grant, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner Henslee questions why we are in the 11th hour once again last minute getting approval to apply? Morris responds/explains. Commissioner Henslee asks if this isn't approved today what are the consequences? Morris responds, significant loss of time putting together as well as the potential loss of a 2.1 million dollar grant. Unanimous vote. Approved.

5. BOCC

1. County Facilities Discussion

Board would like to discuss plans for new buildings, empty buildings etc.

New purchase of **Hanscams Bowling Center**: Commissioner Minty explains

the OSU will move into the building, Fairgrounds will manage the building and future opportunity for other tenants to create a food hub. Commissioner DeGroot asks OSU to explain their needs for the building and funding. Tara Gallagher explains they are looking at utilizing 12k of the 23k building, explains specifically what they will be expanding, they have a building reserves of around 830k. Commissioner DeGroot asks what the building needs right now? Glen Gregory responds a new roof 275K-300k. Commissioner DeGroot asks if this should be a Fairgrounds run building or County run building? OSU must lease from the County, Vaughn elaborates. Derrick Rowley indicates after OSU moves in then they would assess what they can use it for. Commissioner DeGroot asks what next steps are? Vaughn responds we need a roof ASAP, then work on the design with OSU for demo. Commissioner Henslee questions the real temperature of a food hub and bringing Klamath Grown in? Commissioner Minty indicates that we really need to get OSU's design and moved in, but sees the food hub as a real possibility. Glen Gregory questions what will happen with the old OSU buildings once they move in? Vaughn suggests maybe the Watermaster could move in there or sell it. Discussion about the building the Watermaster is currently occupying. Noel questions who will pay for the roof and when will this happen? Commissioner DeGroot suggesting setting up a line item to track all the expenses related to this property. Glen Gregory will go out and get roof bids now. Derrick Rowley asks if invite other tenants would they pay for the remodel? Commissioner DeGroot indicates the County would pay for the remodel and recoup the cost with the lease.

Vacant top floor of Developmental Disabilities Services/Veterans

building. Commissioner DeGroot indicates that Juvenile could likely use that space during the remodel construction of the Juvenile Center. Dan Golden elaborates on his needs for about the next 8 months. Commissioner DeGroot thinks that on the short term this makes great sense. Commissioner Minty agrees. Board is agreeable with Juvenile moving temporarily into the top floor of that building in April likely for the remainder of the calendar year. Commissioner Minty comments that long term perhaps the Sheriff's office could utilize the space. Sheriff Kaber does not see that as a good fit for all the divisions of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff comments that the space they are in right now is approx. 5k sq ft and they are using every bit of that, and with new changes they may have to hire more people, additionally they have parking issues. Golden/Pierce further elaborate on the issues with parking.

Sheriff Kaber indicates the old Herald and News building is for sale, that building would solve all the space issues with all the divisions of the of the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Kaber further elaborates on all the separate division needs. Discussion about Maintenance putting some gravel out at the SAR site.

Commissioner DeGroot asks Jennifer Little if Public Health has any space needs? Little responds no

Commissioner DeGroot asks Kathy Pierce if Veterans has any space needs? Pierce responds no

Commissioner DeGroot would like to see Emergency Management move to a

County building rather than continue to lease space. Sheriff Kaber responds/explains the needs but would like to look at the space with the Emergency Manager.

Aaron Hartman speaks to his needs for Community Corrections, contracts/shares some of their space with KBBH to provide treatment services.

Commissioner Henslee appreciates the discussion regarding everyone's needs, would like to talk about what the immediate needs are. Recently had a tour of the SAR site, indicates there are significant assets at this site and the infrastructure out there is not sufficient to take care of those assets, we need to figure that out. Sheriff Kaber indicates that not only are the building deficient, but some of the equipment is as well. Brian Bryson indicates that SAR has gotten great support from the Board, but they have great support from SAR volunteers for equipment and maintenance. Commissioner Henslee would like to look at what a new SAR building would look like, maybe partnering with other community partners to have kitchen, sleeping space etc. Commissioner DeGroot indicates we can set those needs forth in our upcoming Strategic Plan.

2. Reallocation Of Some Building Permit Program Funds To Klamath Housing Authority - Continued Discussion From 1/24/23

Commissioner DeGroot recaps previous discussion about funding a lift station (Klamath Housing Authority) to facilitate another 140 housing units off Homedale, they have a developer available to start now. The developer has submitted a commitment letter, the City of Klamath Falls is willing to commit 100k if we commit to 400k. Commissioner DeGroot motions to reallocate 400k of the CDD building permit discounts and allocate to Klamath Housing Authority for a lift station at the Homedale property site. Commissioner Henslee questions when the money would need to be spent by? Parker responds funds need to be spent by December 31, 2026. Commissioner Henslee amends motions to pay up to 400k, would like to see other partners get involved in this project. Unanimous vote. Approved. Stephanie Brown indicates this will not affect their program.

6. Dan Golden - Juvenile

Dan Golden presents memo with update regarding project.

7. BOCC



1. Emergency Management Restructure Discussion Continued

Commissioner DeGroot recaps previous discussions, believes EM should be moved to Vandenberg campus, additionally should EM remain under the Sheriff or moved back to directly under the BOCC? Explains the Board is

looking at the entire structure of the County for efficiencies. Commissioner DeGroot explains that when he started 6 years there were no emergencies to speak of and now it seems like there is an emergency every time he turns around, he feels like there is a disconnect with the current structure and there needs to be a discussion about it. Sheriff Kaber explains staff and volunteers that currently work for Emergency Management the department needs have really grown. Sheriff Kaber explains that during any emergency there will be a time when communication may be delayed to the Commissioners, they have been working on ways to minimize that time lag, believes that everything needs to be transparent and the BOCC needs to be getting all the information. Commissioner Henslee has had a private conversation with the Sheriff explaining why it is important to move EM back under the BOCC, but before any decisions are made we should reschedule this matter for a time when all three Commissioners are present. This matter to be tabled to a later date, encourages meetings before the next time we discuss this.

8. Adjournment

2:30pm

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