



Board of Commissioners' Business Meeting February 21, 2023 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 219

2/21/2023 - 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 Henslee, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Minty; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Dale Geigle / Multimedia; Jessica Chastain / Information Technology; Aaron Hartman / Community Corrections; Rick Vaughn / Tax Collector, Property Sales; Jeremy Morris, Todd Pfeiffer / Public Works; Jennifer Little / Public Health; Zack Keeney / Herald & News.

3. Public Comment

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The Number Below:**

Dawnn Brown - Spoke about the length of the public comment period.

Allen Headley - Spoke about the public comment period.

4. Agenda Deletions/Additions

None.

5. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

**1. In The Matter Of Approving The Minutes From The February 14, 2023
Business Meeting. - BOCC**

Approved.

6. Public Hearings

1. **TIME CERTAIN 1:15PM In The Matter Of Holding A Public Hearing Regarding Donating The Klamath County Owned Property Known As R-2409-031BC-00700-000 To Walker Range Patrol Association In Accordance To O.R.S. 271.330 - Rick Vaughn, Property Manager**

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions to open the public hearing at 1:16pm. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner DeGroot asks for testimony in support of. None.

Commissioner DeGroot asks for testimony in opposition. Ernie Morreira spoke in opposition. Commissioner DeGroot asks for neutral testimony. Dawnn Brown spoke in the neutral. Commissioner DeGroot closes the public hearing at 1:20pm. Commissioner Minty asks Mr. Vaughn to review the process of how this item came before the Board.

1.1. **In The Matter Of Authorizing The Transfer Of A Tax Foreclosed Property As Allowed Under ORS 271.330 To Walker Range Patrol Association, A Domestic Nonprofit Corp. Property Manager, Rick Vaughn**

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Commissioner DeGroot speaks about the process and timeline of the donation and the best interest of the public. Commissioner Henslee speaks about expanding how we are protecting our communities, fuels mitigation projects, equipment placement and the proposed use of this land being in greatest benefit to our community. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-071

7. Bids/Awards/Proposals

1. **In The Matter Of Executing An Award For Weed Control Chemicals 2023. Jeremy Morris, Public Works**

Todd Pfeiffer addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

8. Orders

1. **In The Matter Of The Transfer Of Real Estate Owned By Klamath County, Oregon, And Not In Use For County Purposes Be Offered For Sale To The Public. Property Manager, Rick Vaughn**

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-072

2. In The Matter Of Klamath County Transient Room Tax Fourth Quarter Distribution Ending December 31, 2022. Rick Vaughn, Tax

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions.
Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-073

3. In The Matter Of Appointing Dorothy Walker, Barbara Heath, Geneia Maupin, Joseph Allred, Tony Ford, Jaron Riddle, Sabrina Garcia And Garin Riddle To The Local Alcohol And Drug Planning Committee. - BOCC

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-074

4. In The Matter Of Reappointing Misti Buche To The Valley Acres Special Road District Board. - BOCC

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-075

9. Agreements

1. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing A Contract Between Community Corrections And SJC Cultural Consultant & Associates For DEI Planning And Training. Aaron Hartman, Community Corrections

Aaron Hartman addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions.
Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. In The Matter Of A Customer Requested Work Agreement Between Pacific Power And Klamath County Public Works. Jeremy Morris, Public Works

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions.
Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

3. In The Matter Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Klamath County (County) And The City Of Klamath Falls (City) For The 2023 Stearns Corridor Roadway Improvement Project. Jeremy Morris, Public Works

Jeremy Morris addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions.
Commissioner Minty seconds. Commissioner DeGroot abstains as his wife works at Stearns Elementary. Unanimous vote. Approved.

4. In The Matter Of Approval Of An Auction Contract Between The Klamath County Fairgrounds And Klamath County Public Health (KCPH) – Jennifer Little, Public Health

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

10. Other County Business

1. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing The Bylaws For The Klamath County Title III Advisory Council. BOCC

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

11. Commissioner Reports



Commissioner Minty - The grant funding related to the dry domestic wells goes active March 1st. Thank you to the State Legislature particularly the Emergency Board. Kudos to everyone at the County and Oregon Water Resources for the hardwork to get this funding to our citizens who need it. I attended a meeting last week with some of our economic development team and there are very positive things happening related to increasing housing stock. I met with the new Director of The Downtown Association, Crystal Besaw and I'm very pleased to hear about what is happening downtown. I also had the opportunity to spend time at the Winter Wings Festival, what a phenomenal event.

Commissioner Henslee - We held our first joint meeting with the Klamath Tribes last week. Thank you to the Klamath Tribes for hosting us. It was a historic and very significant day where we were able to sit down and open some meaningful dialogue to drive our county in a positive direction. I was very proud and pleased with that meeting. I attended the Merrill Lions Club crab feed on Saturday. Thank you to all the neighbors and friends who showed up to support the Lions Club. It was an outstanding evening.

Commissioner DeGroot - We have a goal this year to have meetings with all the other local governments within our County to hear from them and our constituents about positive things going on and where we can plug in and address issues. A huge thank you to Chairman Dumont for a wonderful first meeting with The Klamath Tribes last week. We discussed how we are going to plan, collaborate and work with State and Federal agencies in regard to water allocation in the Basin. I have been sitting in meetings over the course of the last six years with our federal partners to work on how we will spend resources and improve water quantity and quality. I came to a realization last week that the US Fish and Wildlife was not interested in being a partner with Klamath County and it was horribly disappointing. I am very interested in this new collaboration with the Klamath Tribes. Hopefully we can figure out some common ground where we can just advocate for Klamath County. We will be sitting as a Board and discussing how we want to engage on this issue, try to be a little bit more forward thinking and see if we can't find a better point for us to engage.

12. Adjournment

1:50pm

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