



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting  
March 16, 2023 ~ 8:30 am ~ Room 214

3/16/2023 - Minutes

**1. To Watch A Live Stream Of This Meeting, Click The Link Below Or Go To [www.klamathcounty.org](http://www.klamathcounty.org)**

**2. Call To Order & Those Present**

Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Jennifer Little/Public Health, Amanda VanRiper/HR, Vickie Noel/Finance, Derrick Rowley/Fairgrounds, Rick Vaughn/Property Manager.

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Commissioner Minty approves minutes from last meeting.

**4. Chief Dentinger & Jonathan Teichert - Policing In The UGB - Time Certain: 8:30am**

Commissioner Henslee reviews previous discussions on this topic. Chief Dentinger, Jonathan Teichert/City of Klamath Falls address the Board with presentation for the City Police to patrol the UGB and what services they have to offer. Commissioner Minty asks Dentinger to explain why he feels the City PD could provide a better service than the Sheriff's Office. Dentinger explains that the City PD's proactive policing is more effective. Commissioner Henslee explains how the staffing would work, explains that the Sheriff has indicated multiple times that Sheriff staffing is a struggle for the outlying areas due to them having to respond within the UGB, this would help elevate that burden. Commissioner Henslee further explains that the City PD already provides a service in the UGB through BINET services which the City does not receive funding for, that is a huge benefit for the County residents. Commissioner Henslee firmly believes this would be a step in the right direction to eventually annex the UGB into the City, bringing our community to the next level and provide everyone with better services such as combining school districts better policing etc. Commissioner Henslee believes we owe it to our citizens to have this conversation. Dentinger believes in his heart that this is the best thing for our community. Commissioner DeGroot states our community is incredibly siloed and breaking down those silos is where we need to be heading by having better/harder conversations. Commissioner Henslee asks Dentinger to explain when they could start IF the Commissioners say yes. Dentinger says likely January 2024. Commissioner Minty is very intrigued by this, but if we agree needs to know the City PD's expertise as well as Sheriff's with a discussion with the Sheriff as well as cost to the County.

**5. Moss Adams - Strategic Plan Team Orientation - Time Certain: 9:00am**

Introductions to Moss Adams Team (Annie Rose Favreau, Jessie Lenhardt, Sidney Tracewell) and County Strategic Plan Team (Jeremy Morris, Jennifer Little, Amanda VanRiper, Scott Siracusa, Jill Russell, Joe Spendolini and the Commissioners). Jessie Lenhardt reviews process/phases while working through creating the Strategic Plan and communication/outreach once plan is complete. Jeremy Morris reviews the recurring check in meeting for every two weeks. Commissioner DeGroot is very excited to get this started. Commissioner Minty asks for explanation regarding specific pillars. Favreau responds and explains the broad pillars and specific objectives within those pillars. Spendolini ask for explanation regarding environmental scan? Lenhardt responds and explains it means things that are happening in the community. Commissioner Henslee is familiar with the process and is really excited, it's important to make sure our staff understands they are already doing incredible work and this process will direct that work to specific goals. Scott Siracusa questions what type of data search was done prior to Moss Adams diving into this project? Lenhardt responds/explains. Favreau further elaborates. Commissioner DeGroot thanks the volunteer team, is excited to get this process started.

**6. Mira Wonderwheel & Hallie Neupert - Catalyze Klamath 2023 Sponsorship Funding Request - 9:30am**

Mira Wonderwheel & Hallie Neupert from Oregon Tech address the Board explaining the Catalyze Klamath project, success stories and request of funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Minty indicates this is a great project and is pleased the County has been a partner for years, is in favor of continued support. Commissioner Henslee motions to support and fund with 5,000.00, Commissioner Minty seconds. Commissioner DeGroot indicates this has already been budgeted in anticipation of this request coming forth. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**7. Peter Lawson & Chip Massie, KCC - Badger Venture Funding Request Presentation**

Peter Lawson/KCC addresses the Board with explanation of the venture and funding request of \$2500.00. Commissioner DeGroot has been involved with project for quite some time, there have been some great projects come from venture, really appreciates KCC's partnership with the County to provide programs for the community. Commissioner Minty motions to support venture with funding support of 2500.00, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

**~~8. Chemult Community Action Team - Public Park Proposal (Zoom)~~**

**9. Fair Board - Discussion Regarding Property At 3319 S 6th St. - Time Certain: 10:00am**

Commissioner Minty leaves meeting

Commissioner Henslee explains he added this to the agenda to get everyone on the same page moving forward with this project. Fair Board (Gregg Sherrill, Terry Sellars, Jeanne Pickens, Shawn Blodgett, Brian Bryson) present. Commissioner DeGroot indicates there have not been decisions made for this property, it will either sit with the Fairgrounds or the



County, this is a property with guaranteed tenants and would be great additional revenue for the fairgrounds. Commissioner Henslee likes the idea of the Fair Board managing this property, but not at a financial loss, believes this conversation needs to happen with everyone at the table. Gregg Sherrill addresses the Board, likes the idea of the Fair Board managing this property, the footprint lays out nicely with growing the fairgrounds. Discussion about the City of Klamath Falls booster station being place at the fairgrounds: Mark Willrett/City of Klamath Falls provides update. Discussion that grant funding has been applied for through Congressionally Directed Spending/Federally and Capital Funding Request (State), but if we don't get the funding will look at other avenues. Jeanne Pickens voices concerns that they may need more employees to maintain the property. Discussion regarding the existing roof and cost to replace it, Rowley indicates they are waiting on inspection to see what actually needs to be done, but the County is handling that cost. Discussion regarding what useable space would be left for fairgrounds use after OSU moves in and other potential tenants. Sellars questions including Kiger Stadium in this conversation? Commissioner DeGroot indicates Kiger is a community gem and would be willing to look at, further down the road, a way to get funding for that facility but doesn't feel the fairgrounds or the County is in that position right now. Commissioner DeGroot indicates there needs to be a plan for Kiger to be self sustaining, perhaps include it in a recreation district, but that is a conversation for a later date. Commissioner Henslee agrees with Commissioner DeGroot, would like to see Kiger as a County asset, but it is a discussion for a later date. Bryson likes the idea of the Fair Board managing the property just wants review numbers before he votes yes. Commissioner Henslee is just looking for consensus to move forward and have further discussions. Fair Board is agreeable in moving forward with this idea. Rick Vaughn reviews idea behind obtaining this property and it's benefit to future expansion for the fairgrounds.

## 10. Continuation Of Budget Workshop Discussion

Discussions continue.

## 11. Adjournment

11.40am

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