



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting May 9, 2023 ~ 3:00 pm ~ Room 214

5/9/2023 - 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 Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Amanda VanRiper/HR, Brian Bryson/Sheriff's Office, Jeremy Morris/Public Works, Aaron Hartman/Community Corrections, Derrick Rowley/Fairgrounds, Heidi Gaither/DDS, Marc Henderson/Counsel

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Minty approves minutes from May 2nd Admin meeting.

4. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Department Request - OOC Stipend DDS

Amanda VanRiper addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions to approve request as provided, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Commissioner Minty asks for clarification about how there would be separation regarding supervision of Heidi's husband. Gaither responds/explains. Commissioner Henslee is her husband is part of the union that she is not. VanRiper responds correct. Commissioner Henslee also questions if there is disciplinary issues with the husband how would that be handled? VanRiper indicates and explains. Commissioner Henslee asks if Ms. Gaither would be a part of union negotiations that would benefit her husband? VanRiper responds that Department Heads are not part of negotiations with 737. Unanimous vote. Approved

5. Jeremy Morris - Public Works

1. Illegal Camping In Public Right-Of-Way

Jeremy Morris/Brian Bryson address the Board explaining concerns with illegal camping in the public right-of-way, explain the Board can adopt

Policy/Ordinances to allow removal of these camps. Further explain our neighboring counties have come up with policies for safety issues. Commissioner Henslee voices concerns about how the County has responsibilities and these camps are prohibiting our ability to perform our duties, but the higher courts have tied our hands. Commissioner Minty asks for legal guidance. Henderson explains the "Camping Ordinance" pertains to private property and is different than this issue. Henderson further explains we have been waiting to hear what decision the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals was going to make, however believes we should protect our property under the elements of ORS 195.500. Rick Vaughn further elaborates about storing property seized unsanitary or illegal activity don't need to be stored. Commissioner Henslee questions what Lexipol's policy is? Bryson will look into. Commissioner Minty thinks right of way should give us more leverage. Henderson further explains Jackson County's recently adopted policy. Commissioner Henslee would like to see the Sheriff's office adopt the Lexipol policy then we should have a policy moving forward. Commissioner Minty is comfortable following advice that legal gave. Bryson indicates the "County" is to come up with a policy. Board would like the Sheriff's office to proceed following statute while working with Counsel on getting a County Ordinance drafted.

6. Derrick Rowley - Fairgrounds

1. Bids Have Come In Over Budget, Request For Funding

Derrick Rowley addresses the Board, explains the lowest bid came in well over the anticipated amount is asking loan amount from the county to be 2.2 million to finish the project? Commissioner Henslee would like to table this matter to another meeting and discuss if there are any ARPA projects that will not materialize then maybe we could reallocate funds to this project. Commissioner Minty questions if there might be carry over from Tourism funds? Noel responds there wont be much as they have used those funds for other things. Discussion about figures/payments to repay the loan, believes the Fairgrounds could handle the payments. Commissioner Henslee questions what the Board originally agreed to loan and where would the money come from for the increase? Noel states 1.2 million so the increase would be another million, the only two areas that have that much funding is LACTF and Risk. Commissioner Henslee feels more comfortable reevaluating the ARPA projects that may not happen and reallocating those funds. Commissioner Minty asks if the scope of work could be adjusted to do internally and reduce costs? Rowley responds yes and elaborates. Board agrees they will support the project and put this matter on another meeting.

7. Aaron Hartman - Community Corrections

1. Approval Agreement With Concept Designs Construction

Aaron Hartman addresses the Board, provides background and reason for urgency, asks for approval. Noel addresses her concern with the agreement

and cutting a check for 250k without having a formal contract. Marc Henderson elaborates further on concerns from Risk stand point. Discussion about how long this has taken and if the contractor will even be willing to proceed. Commissioner Henslee asks where has the delay been, us or the State? Hartman responds/explains the challenges. Board would like to see this contract be written with County language and approved by risk/counsel. Discussion about the grant funding deadline and the possibility of an extension and is the County would be responsible for the other \$250k if we continue beyond the deadline. Hartman explains we just need to expend the money by 6/30 not actually have delivery of the product.

8. BOCC

1. Junior Commissioner Program



Haley Huffman addresses the explains would start with Mazama High School for the first semester then will open to all County juniors and seniors in the City and County School Districts including homeschool. Would be a Junior Commissioner Work Experience Program - "Learn what your County Commissioners do", One semester (18 week) program coinciding with school calendar, Minimum 5 hours of work experience per week for High school juniors and seniors, three students chosen each school semester based on applications. Board was agreeable to move forward with setting up the program.

2. Community Corrections - Leadership Benefits

Commissioner Henslee reviews previous conversations regarding this issue so leadership within the department doesn't get penalized for promoting. Commissioner Minty thinks HR was looking into this matter. Board wants this matter back to next week's Admin meeting so HR can weigh in on what they found out.

9. Adjournment

4:06pm

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