



## Board of Commissioners' Business Meeting June 6, 2023 ~ 1:00pm ~ Room 219

6/6/2023 - 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 Henslee, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Jessica Chastain, Ric Medina / Information Technology; Vickie Noel, Natalie Parker / Finance; Derrick Rowley / Fairgrounds; Chris Kaber / Sheriff; Zak Keeney / Herald and News

**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:**

Christina Pasillas - Spoke in support of library's book club.

Lois Taysom - Spoke about neutrality and support of the library's book club.

Emily Strauss - Spoke in support of the Great Decision Program.

Jean Knight - Spoke in support librarians and library book club.

Jessamyn Birrer - Spoke in support of library programming.

Marylou Wogan - Spoke in support of the library book club.

James Stredwick - Spoke in support of the library.

Wren Shockey - Spoke about topics considered political and in support of the library book club.

Maud Birrer - Spoke in support of the library.

Justin Rodriguez - Spoke in support of the library's programs.

Amy Stercho - Spoke in support of a facilitator/mediator in discussions.

Courtney Neubauer - Spoke in support of the library's programs.

Michael Fitzgerald (Zoom) - Spoke in support of the book club.

Diane Shockey (Zoom) - Encouraged the Board of Commissioners to get input from the State and County Counsel before making decisions on the library.

Laura Wise - Spoke in support of the library.

Donald Ricard - Spoke about a County vehicle driving by his property and County Code.

#### **4. Agenda Deletions/Additions**

##### **1. 10.9 Added**

#### **5. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

##### **1. In The Matter Of Approving The Minutes From The May 30, 2023 Business Meeting. - BOCC**

Approved.

#### **6. Proclamations/Presentations**

##### **1. In The Matter Of Proclaiming June 15, 2023 As Elder Abuse Awareness Day In Klamath County, Oregon. - BOCC**

Commissioner Minty reads the proclamation and presents it to the group.  
Mike Atchley thanked the Board for the proclamation and invited everyone to attend their event on June 15th, 10am-12:30pm at the Senior Center.

##### **2. In The Matter Of Presenting The Monthly Employee Service Awards - BOCC**

Commissioner DeGroot reads information for the record.

#### **7. Public Hearings**

##### **1. TIME CERTAIN 1:15pm: In The Matter Of Holding The First Hearing On Proposed Ordinance #96.00**

1:15pm Commissioner Henslee asks to pull the item and continue with public comment. Commissioner Minty said, I'd like to pull the item and continue with public comment also. The Board agreed to postpone the item to a later date as there are changes they would like to make to the proposed ordinance.

## **8. Bids/Awards/Proposals**

- 1. In The Matter Of Requesting Approval Of The Purchase Of A 2023 Ford F250; To Include Up-Fit For The Sheriff's Office Search And Rescue Division, Chris Kaber, Sheriff**

Chris Kaber addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee reads information and motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

## **9. Orders**

- 1. In The Matter Of Appointing Nicholas Oldham And Fred Ginestar To The Poe Valley Vector Control District Board. - BOCC**

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2023-102

- 2. In The Matter Of Reappointing Diann Walker-Pope And Matthew Gray To The Ambulance Advisory Committee. - BOCC**

Commissioner DeGroot reads information and motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner OR2023-103

## **10. Agreements**

- 1. In The Matter Of Signing The Klamath County Logo Usage Agreement With Klamath Wingwatchers. - Natalie Parker, Grant Manager**

Natalie Parker addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

- 2. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing Klamath County Domestic Well Financial Assistance Grant Agreements - Natalie Parker, Grant Manager**

Natalie Parker addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

- 3. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing Klamath County American Rescue Act Grant Agreements For The Completed And Ready**

**Applicants – Natalie Parker, Grant Manager**

Natalie Parker addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions.  
Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**4. In The Matter Of Approving And Authorizing The Chair To Sign The Cooperative Agreement With USDA For APHIS Wildlife Services - Natalie Parker, Grant Manager**

Natalie Parker addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions.  
Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**5. In The Matter Of Providing Amendment #1 To The Title III Contract – BLM O&C Lands Restoration Project Between Klamath County And Klamath County Community Corrections. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions.  
Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**6. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions.  
Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**7. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Employee's Pension Plan For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions.  
Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**8. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Treasurer's Investment Pool For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Minty motions.  
Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**9. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing An Agreement Between County And Contractor For Construction Of The RV Expansion Project With Rocky Mountain Construction In The Amount Of \$2,669,157.50 For**

**The Klamath County Fairgrounds And Event Center RV Lot Expansion Project. Derrick Rowley, Director/Manager Klamath County Fairgrounds/Event Center**

Derrick Rowley addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**11. Grants**

**1. In The Matter Of Approving And Authorizing The Chair To Sign The EPA Region 10 Community Grant Application – Natalie Parker, Grant Manager**

Natalie Parker addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**12. Budget Resolutions**

**1. Approve A Budget Change Within The General Fund Sheriff Civil Division For FY 2023-24. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner Henslee motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. BR2023-027

**2. Approve A Budget Change Within The Klamath Falls Street Fund For FY 2023-24. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. BR2023-028

**13. Drainage Service District**

**1. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Drainage Service District For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Commissioner DeGroot recesses the Business Meeting and opens the Drainage Service District Meeting at 2:00pm. Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner DeGroot closes the Drainage Service District Meeting and reopens the Business Meeting at 2:03pm.

**14. Extension Service District**

**1. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Extension Service District For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Commissioner DeGroot recesses the Business Meeting and opens the Extension Service District Meeting at 2:02pm. Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner DeGroot closes the Extension Service District Meeting and reopens the Business Meeting at 2:03pm.

**15. Library Service District**

**1. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Library Service District For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Commissioner DeGroot recesses the Business Meeting and opens the Library Service District Meeting at 2:03pm. Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner DeGroot closes the Library Service District Meeting and reopens the Business Meeting at 2:04pm.

**16. Road Service District**

**1. In The Matter Of Approving An Agreement Between Klamath County And Moss Adams LLP For Professional Audit Services Of The Klamath County Road Service District For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, And June 30, 2025. Vickie Noel - Finance**

Commissioner DeGroot recesses the Business Meeting and opens the Road Service District Meeting at 2:04pm. Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Commissioner DeGroot closes the Road Service District Meeting and reopens the Business Meeting at 2:05pm.

**17. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Minty - I would love to address all the public comment we had today. Prior to this, I attended two library advisory board meetings. As liaison to the library, it's no surprise that so many advocates came out to support the library. I continue to be supportive of the library. It's been good to hear people's different belief and thoughts. I continue to believe we can come together on this. I want to be clear, I want the library to continue with their programming, the book club and Great Decisions. While I understand staff is highly trained, I offered up a good middle ground, to have volunteers staff some of the things that are concerning to other Board members. It would allow the library's



programs to continue and allow more volunteers to participate. I continue to believe we can come together to come up with solutions. Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to celebrate 75 years at Oregon Tech, I'm one of the founding trustees and will be terming out soon. I will miss that role. To say that OIT is a gem and provides great value to our community is an understatement. We also has another exciting event here this morning, a program called Grow with Google, help for small business and entrepreneurs on how to grow their brand via Google.

Commissioner Henslee - Today at our Administrative Meeting I will give you an update on the strategic plan. I was really pleased with the overwhelming response from our community. We are beginning to set out an exciting framework. I would also like to speak about public comment. I was pleased to see the number of people come out and share their beliefs and their desires. That is one of the core values of our country that I'm proud. I do not believe in censorship, banning books, or eliminating programs at the library. I also do not believe in government overreach and I believe government staff leading those conversations at the library is government overreach and interferes with first amendment rights. I support the library and the programming but we need a solution to continue all of the programming at the library.

Commissioner DeGroot - Last Thursday, I attended the Graduation Sensation Parade. Congratulations to all the graduates! At the end of the parade over \$45,000.00 in scholarships was given away. Thank you to the Board for the opportunity to give out scholarships on behalf of the Board this year. Last night, I was able to see my son who is a Specialist in the Army and hasn't been home in a year and a half. There's a long tradition in my family of service and protecting our freedoms. When I'm being accused of curtailing first amendment rights, it is troublesome. That being said that is not what happened. What was said was for our library staff not to operate those particular program but to open them up to allow anyone to come and freely use the library. We are the Library Service District Board. It is not staff run or advisory board run, the Library District Board runs it, we are there to provide oversight. This is the Board, when we have concerns that we address with staff, we are providing that oversight. We appreciate the advisory boards, but it is advice and we are elected to then take that advice and be able to discern what advice to take, what not to take and make decisions in the best interest of our community as a whole and we will continue to do that.

## 18. Adjournment

2:20pm

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