



Board of Commissioners' Administrative Meeting June 27, 2023 ~ 3:00pm ~ Room 214

6/27/2023 - 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, Dan Golden/Juvenile, Marc Henderson/Counsel, Heidi Gaither/DDS, Andrea Lassett/HR, Vickie Noel/Finance, Stephanie Brown/CDD, Rick Vaughn/Property Manager, Jessica Chastain/I.T.

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner's approve minutes from June 20, 2023 Administrative meeting.

4. Approve Minutes From June 27, 2023 Business Meeting

Commissioner's approve minutes from June 27, 2023 Business meeting.

5. Marcus Henderson - County Counsel

1. Road District Application Process

Marc Henderson addresses the Board suggests having more detailed questions of the applicants as well as ask if appointed would they submit to to background check? Commissioner DeGroot/Minty ask if we can propose questions if they are delinquent in taxes or have an outstanding code violation, since they will be "public Officials and handling tax payer funds? Henderson suggests asking those questions in an interview process. Commissioner Henslee indicates that "any" person can apply for an elected office and is concerned about our authority being more restrictive than the constitution, however believes the BOCC shouldn't being appointing individuals with finance convictions. Commissioner DeGroot believes the BOCC should be vetting individuals through the interview process. Commissioner Henslee would like to see some sort of matrix created to follow regarding appointments. Commissioner Minty agrees.

6. Dan Golden - Juvenile

1. Klamath Crimson Rose Project Update

Dan Golden addresses the Board with update on the project, Legislature did not come through with full funding request so will be looking at reductions to the project. Discussion about budget impacts if taking on Shasta House clients. Commissioner Henslee asks if Golden know why we didn't get all of the funding? Golden does not know. Commissioner indicate we really need to figure out how to get more funding to get this project completed. Commissioner DeGroot is going to reach back out the leadership at the State and see if we can get additional funding from somewhere else.

7. Heidi Gaither - Developmental Disabilities

1. Discussion Regarding Commitment Made To City School District

Heidi Gaither addresses the Board indicating that previous Director promised 50k (out of White property sale) to the City school district for updated playground equipment and wants to keep that commitment. Commissioner Henslee asks about a sidewalk project? Gaither responds that project is County Schools and intends to reach out to County Schools as well for equity purposes. Commissioners are good with 100k total 50k to City Schools and 50k to County Schools. Gaither to follow up with liability waivers etc.

8. Rick Vaughn - Tax Collector/Property Manager

1. Approve Accepting Quote For Cameras At Watermaster's Office

Rick Vaughn presents quotes is asking approval to accept quote from Audio/Video Interiors for cameras. Commissioner's are good moving forward additionally funding will need to come from General Fund. Vaughn will process as "Prior Approved" item. Commissioner DeGroot motions to pay from General Fund Non-Departmental, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

2. Authorize General Fund Dollars For Clean Up At 3319 S. 6th Street

Rick Vaughn addresses the Board regarding using General Fund dollars around 200-300 for clean up. Commissioner DeGroot motions to pay from General Fund Non-Departmental, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

9. Stephanie Brown - Community Development

1. Authorization To Sign RJS Construction PO

Stephanie Brown addresses the Board requesting authorization to sign PO's. Commissioner Minty motion to approve and authorize Allan Brown to sign PO's, Commissioner Henslee seconds, Unanimous vote approved. Brown will process as "Prior Approved" item.

10. BOCC

1. Delegation To Sign Off On Emergency Management Documents

Commissioner DeGroot lets Board know that he scheduled a meeting on July 12 for the BOCC to go over all documents that will be submitted to the State.

2. Update Liaison Approval / News Releases Process

Commissioner Minty would like to see any media releases approved by the Liaison Commissioner and have our "policy" updated to reflect such. Discussion that there is language in the Social Media policy that discusses who can speak with media. Board is agreeable with Jessica Chastain working on getting that added to our policy.

3. Posting For Developmental Disabilities Director

Commissioner DeGroot would like to get the position posted. Commissioner Minty would like to see the job description reviewed/updated and posted, then have a panel assembled for interviews. Commissioner DeGroot suggests opening the job now and keep open to 7/21 then have HR bring applications to 7/25 meeting to make decision on the interview process. Board is agreeable.

4. Review And Sign Museum Levy Ballot Title Form

Board reviews revised Ballot form drafted by the "museum folks". Commissioner Minty motions to approve and authorize Chair to sign Ballot form, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

5. Hagelstein Park - DD

Board reviews email string with Klamath Tribes and Fish and Wildlife regarding request to temporarily close the park as well as fishing in the water until further notice due to poor water quality. Commissioner Henslee agrees the water quality is not good based on the report submitted, but has there been previous testing to compare, as well as a water sample of other water bodies close by? Commissioner Minty questions if we have authority over the water? Commissioner DeGroot clarifies request would be to close at night to see if the water contamination could be controlled and install appropriate measures. Commissioner Minty hopes the State will shut down the fishing aspect, but isn't

convinced we should shut down the park based off recent reports out Parks Manager has given the Board. Commissioner DeGroot is leaning towards working with the Tribes to work on transitioning the park to day use. Commissioner Henslee is concerned if we do this then who would be responsible for enforcement then are we going to be ticketing people, because he not in favor of that. Further if we are moving towards that transition we need to make sure we are transparent and letting the community know well in advance. Commissioner DeGroot suggests putting up signage with a date that it would become a day use only park. Commissioner Minty would like to see a public hearing held regarding any change to the park and have the Tribes make an argument and allow public comment, Commissioner Henslee agrees. Board agrees to set up public hearing for first part of August, invite Tribes, ODFW and water sampling co. to attend.



Norma Cummings (Tribal member) addresses the Board. Is concerned about the water quality as that is a sacred spot for tribal members. Indicates she would like to see the water shut off to the public. Additionally requesting to have a tribal ceremony at the park the weekend of July 21, would like the park closed to the public that weekend. Commissioner Minty asks if it's possible to keep the park open, but we could reserve an area for the group. Cummings is agreeable. Commissioner DeGroot motions for Commissioner Minty to work with Cummings and Tom Crist to reserve an area of the park for their group, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

6. Update On WM Issue - KM

Commissioner Minty would like to revisit this issue, would like to address the individuals that feel their concerns have not been addressed. Commissioner Henslee indicates since the last meeting he has received positive messages about Waste Management being in those outlying areas, feels that the decision was made in the best interest of those communities. Further, hindsight probably should have had a public hearing, and moving forward that should be the process when these things come up. Commissioner Minty feels those individuals should have one last opportunity for feedback. Commissioner Henslee indicates we are in a contract with Waste Management and we cant get out of that. Commissioner Minty states we could just forward the info to Waste Management for how to change process moving forward. Commissioner Henslee lays out scenario that if an individual has a large cart they could reduce that to a smaller cart to absorb the additional cost as they would be utilizing less garbage space. Commissioner Henslee is worried that if we do a public survey that will create more confusion/complaints in a situation we cant change at this point. Commissioner Minty feel strongly about giving those unhappy individuals another opportunity to provide feedback.

11. Adjournment

4:22 pm

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