



Board of Commissioners' Business Meeting January 11, 2022 ~ 8:30am ~ Room 219

1/11/2022 - 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 Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Dale Geigle, Ron Matchett / Multimedia; Erik Nobel / CDD; Aaron Hartman / Community Corrections; Jennifer Little / Public Health; Vickie Noel / Finance; Jeremy Morris / Public Works; Kristen Sonniksen / Museum.

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:**

Debbie Rodgers - Spoke about the Freedom of Information Act, the Clear Ballot System and records request fees.

Reta Vining - Spoke about a Bill filed in Washington State and vaccines.

Donald Ricard - Spoke about his concerns regarding a land violation.

4. Agenda Deletions/Additions

None.

5. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

**1. In The Matter Of Approving The Minutes From The January 4, 2022
Business Meeting. - BOCC**

Approved.

6. Orders

1. In The Matter Of Vacating Lots 36 And 37 Block 6 Of Mountain Lakes Subdivision. Map No. R-3606-017D0 Tax Lots: 2400 And 2500. Erik Nobel, Planning

Erik Nobel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-047

2. In The Matter Of Appointing Craig Hunstman The Pine Grove Highland Special Road District Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-048

3. In The Matter Of Appointing Jazmin Bozarth To The Jack Pine Estates Special Road District Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-049

4. In The Matter Of Appointing Jeanne Steel And Leonard Howlett To The Klamath Falls Forest Estates Unit 2 Special Road District Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-050

5. In The Matter Of Appointing Matthew Hadler And Julie Mathews To The Tourism Grant Review Panel. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-051

6. In The Matter Of Appointing Sam Marquez The Klamath Falls Forest Estates Unit 1 Special Road District Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-052

7. In The Matter Of Appointing Terry Sellars, Brian Bryson, Margaret McCadden And Chad Olney To The Fair Board. - BOCC

Commissioner Morris reads information and motions. Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. OR2022-053

7. Agreements

- 1. In The Matter Of Approving, And Allowing The Department Heads To Sign, An MoU Between Community Corrections And Public Health For Use Of Homefront Units. Aaron Hartman, Community Corrections.**

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

- 2. In The Matter Of Approving, And Allowing The Director To Sign, A Contract Between Community Corrections And Sacred Sol Healing For Facilitation Of Grant Funded Focus Groups. Aaron Hartman, Community Corrections**

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

- 3. In The Matter Of Approval Of The Master Service Agreement And Statement Of Work For InSight Video Interpreting Between Language Line Services, Inc (Language Line) And Klamath County Public Health (KCPH) – Jennifer Little, Public Health**

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

- 4. In The Matter Of Approving And Signing Klamath County American Rescue Act Grant Agreements For The Completed And Ready Applicants – Vickie Noel, Finance Director**

Vickie Noel addresses the Board. Commissioner DeGroot motions.
Commissioner Morris seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

- 5. In The Matter Of Local Agency Agreement #73000-00003851 Between Klamath County And The State Of Oregon Acting By And Through Its Department Of Transportation For Klamath County's All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Ph2 Project. Jeremy Morris, Public Works**

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

- 6. In The Matter Of The BOCC Approving An Agreement With The Oregon Parks And Recreation Department For A \$2,500 Grant To Fund Newspaper Digitization At The Klamath County Museum, And Authorizing The Museum Director To Sign Agreement. Todd Kepple, Museum.**

Kristen Sonniksen addresses the Board. Commissioner Morris motions. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

7. In The Matter Of Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With Bly Water And Sanitary District For Construction Of Replacing The District's Water Supply Distribution System. - BOCC

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



8. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner DeGroot - Regarding Debbie's comment, I will talk with the Clerk and possibly bring this back to the Board. Regarding Reta's comment on vaccination requirements. It's important that we understand the control that the County Commissioners have related to what is going on in the country. We are local government. I believe businesses should operate how they feel they need to, people should go about their lives how they feel they are responsible and children should do so at the behest of the their parents and where we have control, I believe we've done a good job making sure people have the ability to do that. You haven't seen County government interfere with local businesses, that's not our role that is not going to happen. To that degree, nobody will be requiring vaccinations. There was a threat that all employers with more than 100 employees would have to have all their employees vaccinated. That wasn't going to happen here at the County where we employ over 400 people. We've taken, in my opinion, a very good position on letting people be responsible for their own health and letting businesses be responsible for their own business that won't change and hasn't changed. I wanted to make a quick comment regarding Mr. Ricard and Mr. Garcia. Mr. Ricard, if you don't want to get violations, quit breaking the law. Mr. Garcia, you have a civil matter, simple as that and we do not get involved in civil matters. Last week and yesterday, I chaired alot of the meetings as the First Vice President for the Association of Oregon Counties and thank goodness for Zoom. I've received so much time back in my days because of Zoom. I've been able to be more productive. I had really good meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation along with Modoc and Siskiyou County yesterday. We've been trying to do as much work as we can ahead of the 2022 irrigation season to make sure we're doing the best we can for our producers and irrigators. I had a meeting on Friday with a developer who is looking at making an enormous development in the County.

Commissioner Morris - Yes, on a similar matter, I know it's confusing when people are watching and they hear all the allegations of the Board and they wonder why do they just sit there. When something is being handled in the Courts, it's not appropriate for us to say anything. Once the Courts sort it out, if there's something we can and should say, we will. We are both very transparent. Yesterday we held a very successful economic recovery summit. We had an amazing crowd. We had some really great presenters from the State Economist and solid experts on the economy and the employment picture. The focus is on every community who has had this pandemic it presents challenges but also unique opportunities. Two years ago, we didn't really use Zoom and now we don't live without it. We are working thoughtfully on how do we best position Klamath to take advantage of the opportunities and envisioning how we want Klamath to look in the future. Our best days are in front of us.

9. Adjournment

9:03am

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