



Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting July 7, 2021 ~ 10:00 am ~ Room 214

7/7/2021 - 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 Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Boyd, Marcus Henderson/County Counsel, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Brandon Fowler/Emergency Manager, Steve Lewis, Levi Justman, Amanda Graham/ Animal Control

3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris approves the minutes from the last Work Session.

4. Other County Business

Brandon Fowler addresses the Board regarding the Bootleg Fire in Chiloquin there may be a need for funding structures on "unprotected lands" is asking for delegation of funding up to 25k for the Fire Defense Board to use if need be to help an agency fight fire on those unprotected lands if necessary. Commissioner Boyd does not feel comfortable turning money over to the Fire Defense Board, he does not feel the rest of the county citizens should be responsible for individuals that have chosen to have structures in "unprotected or uninsured" lands. Commissioner DeGroot questions details pertaining to Title III funds? Henderson/Fowler respond. Further discussion that if people have chosen to live or have structures in these unprotected areas and not have them insured, that is a risk they have chosen to take and it should not be the financial responsibility of the rest of the citizens of the County. The Board is not willing to provide funding at this time.

5. Livestock Hearing

1. Ridenour Vs King

James King via Zoom sworn

Darrell Ridenour via phone sworn

Steve Lewis gives staff report.

Commissioner Morris questions if this is first offense for the dog? Lewis responds yes first offense.

Commissioner Boyd asks if back yard constitutes a pen, hutch coop? Henderson reviews statute language but can not make actual determination?

Mr. Ridenour testifies.

Mr. King testifies.

Deliberation of the board. Discussion regarding if the birds were actually contained in a pen, Commissioner Boyd believes both parties are at fault but does not believe the 500.00 civil penalty should be assessed but Mr. Ridenour should be compensated for the ducks. Commissioner Morris asks Lewis for his opinion? Lewis responds both parties have gone to great lengths to contain/protect their animals.

Commissioner Morris motions to find the dog responsible for killing the 3 ducks, impose civil penalty \$500, Impound fees in the amount of \$175, restitution of \$300 for a total of \$975.00, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner DeGroot is relying the experts at Animal Control regarding whether the ducker are considered to be in a "pen" or not. Commissioner Boyd does not believe that the ducks were confined to a pen. Commissioners DeGroot and Morris vote in favor Commissioner Boyd votes against.
Approved

Staff to prepare order

2. Abshire Vs Robinson

Deputy Justman gives staff report

Commissioner Boyd asks for a breakdown of the impound, wounding and chasing fees? Justman/Henderson explain.

Commissioner Boyd questions "Dexter's" previous impound? Justman replies Animal Control has record of "Dexter being picked up previously.

Rebecca Abshire present/sworn gives testimony.

Commissioner Boyd asks if she has noticed if the animals have been running in the neighborhood? Abshire responds, yes she has called 911 3 times herself.

Robinson/Ramirez via phone/sworn have reinforced the fence, but the dogs do keep getting out, they are getting an electric fence now.

Commissioner DeGroot questions Deputy Justman about the fence for the dogs. Justman responds.

Abshire fears for her baby goats, she has 11 babies right now, does not want the dogs in her neighborhood.

Robinson indicates the dogs are being kept in kennels inside the house during the day. Additionally one of the dogs (Sandy Cheeks) will be sent to TX within the next month.

BOCC deliberation. Commissioner DeGroot asks for clarification about which dog did the biting. Justman responds, Dexter. Commissioner Morris motions for a total of \$1529.00 in fees: impound fees in the amount of \$415.00, chasing penalty \$250.00, wounding penalty \$500.00, fines/canopy 60.00, restitution for baby goat and veterinary bill in the amount of \$304.00, requirement for adequate fencing within 2 weeks to be checked on by Deputy Justman/Animal Control, sign affidavit to confine dogs. Commissioner Boyd seconds. Staff will prepare order Unanimous vote.

Commissioner DeGroot reiterates that if the dogs get out and kill again will have no choice but to euthanize.

3. Holder Vs Sandling

Amanda Graham provides staff report.

Sandling/sworn gives testimony.

Commissioner DeGroot indicates there will be fines assessed, asks if she afford a payment plan? Sandling responds yes.

Commissioner DeGroot asks Counsel if they have latitude? Henderson reviews statues and required fees

BOCC deliberations. Commissioner Boyd motions \$50.00 impound fee, boarding fee \$225.00, Microchip fee \$15.00, License fee \$20.00 for a total of \$310.00, \$500.00 civil penalty for a grand total \$810.00 to be paid in 12 monthly payments of \$67.50 per month, need to sign affidavit to keep dog confined and keep dog licensed, Commissioner DeGroot seconds.

Unanimous vote, staff will prepare order.



6. Amanda Van Riper - Human Resources

1. Class & Comp Clean Up

Amanda addresses the Board, presents draft of remaining positions that are being called out to be reclassified by MGT, salary tables and the fiscal impact. Board wants to take time to review the information

7. Adjournment

11:34am

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