



## Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting September 8, 2021 ~ 10:00am ~ Room 214

9/8/2021 - 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 Boyd, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Nathan Bigby / Assessor; Marc Henderson / County Counsel; Andrea Rabe; Mike DeSmit / Fremont-Winema; George Gregory / Lake of the Woods Resort; Austin and Candace Martin / Southern Oregon Dumpster Service; Larry Holzgang / Business Oregon; Randy Cox, Julie Matthews / KCEDA.

**3. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting**

Approved.

**4. Andrea Rabe**

Andrea Rabe, Mike DeSmit and George Gregory address the board regarding parking on Dead Indian Memorial Road near Lake of the Woods. They would like a no parking designation from Highway 140 to Westside Road. The Board agreed to have Commissioner Boyd speak with the County Public Works Director, Jeremy Morris and bring this item with Mr. Morris' comments back to the Board at a later date.

**5. Austin Martin, Southern Oregon Dumpster Service - Presentation Discuss Franchise**

Austin and Candace Martin address the Board to request a collection franchise for delivery and pick up of 13 yard dumpsters for junk removal and rock/soil haul within 45 miles. This service would be completely different than what Waste Management offers. The Board would to do some homework on this topic before making a decision.

Commissioner DeGroot asked Mr. Martin for a written formal request. Ms. Martin asks the Board for temporary permission to operate in the County while the Board of Commissioners considers their proposal. Commissioner Morris said, I'm not prepared to make that decision today and asks Ms. Martin to include that request in their proposal.

**6. Klamath County Economic Development Association**

Julie Matthews, Randy Cox and Larry Holzgang address the Board regarding the Community Service Fee and Enterprise Zone for Gilchrist Forest Products. This is a continuation of the discussion from last week's Work Session. Ms. Matthews said, the business proposed to pay \$50,000 in the fourth and fifth year with priorities in rural school development and rural fire protection. Commissioner Boyd asks, how much would the tax be in the fourth and fifth year? Randy Cox said \$180,000 - \$200,000 per year. Commissioner DeGroot said, this is just with the new investment, it has nothing to do with their current tax rolls. Mr. Cox said, yes. Commissioner DeGroot said, I like their priorities. Commissioner Boyd said, that's a no go for me. We have to have law enforcement in North County. Ms. Matthews said, why don't you counter with something. Commissioner Boyd said, we don't have to counter with anything. Commissioner Morris said, what if we counter with a proposal that in the fourth and fifth year it's \$90,000 and that would pay for a deputy. Nathan Bigby explains the community service fee and distribution. Commissioner Morris said, so it sounds like there is consensus around the \$90,000.00 number and now we just need to figure out how to fill in the distribution. Commissioner DeGroot said, yes. Commissioner Morris asks, is everyone comfortable with KCEDA taking the \$90,000 number back as a next step? The Board was in agreement.

Ms. Matthews said, we would like to ask for approval to move forward with the Klamath County Enterprise Zone change. She presented a map to the Board. **Commissioner DeGroot motions to direct staff to work with KCEDA in making the appropriate Resolution and changes to the regular and North County Enterprise Zones and get those to the Board. Commissioner Morris seconds.** Commissioner Boyd said, I'm not comfortable putting in an Enterprise Zone for one business. I think we need to be talking about something bigger than that one little sliver in Merrill. Mr. Bigby asks, how much mileage is left after this expansion? Ms. Matthews said, two and a half square miles. Commissioner DeGroot said, the problem is, if we don't accommodate these one and two mile requests that are coming in, there's limited square miles left remaining in the 15 square mile max, so if we make some shifts we'd be removing some areas out of the Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Boyd said, it looks to me like we're really doing only one business a favor. Mr. Bigby explains, it's only for industrial and like hotels. **Unanimous vote. Approved.**

## 7. Other County Business



Wesgo RSIS - Commissioner DeGroot said, we had a conversation about the Wesgo property for the RSIS. Staff and everyone are working on that and it seems to be moving along well. The City of Klamath Falls would like to also consider doing their watermain the same way. I spoke with Larry from Business Oregon to see what it would take to amend that agreement. I wanted to take the temperature of the Board on it as to whether or not that amendment should be pursued. Commissioner Boyd asks, with the City's watermain, would the County pay for the project and then be reimbursed? Commissioner DeGroot said, that was briefly discussed. We cannot use roads funds for it. I don't know if the City has the capital. We could loan the City the money to complete the project but that has not really been discussed with the City. The Board was in agreement to move forward with the amendment and figure out the financing later if needed.

Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program - Mr. Holzgang explains this program which just came out of legislature. There is \$150,000.00 undedicated for any kind of planning work expenses that counties may have incurred from last year's Labor Day fires. Commissioner Boyd asks, what about for the Assessor's Office who spent a lot of extra time reevaluating

these properties because of the loss valuation after the fire. Mr. Holzgang said, I can ask about that. Commissioner Morris said, maybe each commissioner can look at what departments under their liaisonship this might apply to and then communicate it. Commissioner Boyd asks what about reimbursement for waving permits. Mr. Holzgang said, I will ask.

## 8. Adjournment

10:58am

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