



5/31/2022 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Henslee, Vickie Noel, Natalie Parker/Finance, Dan Golden/Juvenile, Nathan Bigby, Bruce Fitch, Erika Wilde/GIS/Assessor, Melina Johnson/DA Office,

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner Morris approves minutes from April 26, 2022 Finance meeting.

3. District Attorney Personnel Items

Vickie Noel, Melina Johnson address the Board explains DA requests and fiscal impact associated with the requests. Explains there was an error in the budget presented to the Budget Committee there is approximately 97k more in the budget and the DA requests today are approx. 95k. Commissioner Morris motions to use the extra funds to fund the DA requests, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner DeGroot comments with concerns that funding this positions way is not sustainable, Noel responds there will be a lot of salary savings. Unanimous vote.

4. ARPA Funding Requests

Natalie Parker reviews ARPA numbers: Internal allocations just shy of 5 million, County projects 6.23 million leaving approx. 3.9 million left, this includes the second round of funding which we should have any day. Further reviews there are 9 projects pending, but not sure all of those projects will come to fruition that equates to about 2.5 million.

Nathan Bigby/Bruce Fitchman addresses the Board, give presentation regarding request for GIS to develop an ESRI app. Explains would really make sure everyone has access to the same and more detailed information. Discussion regarding the fiscal impact (55k). Commissioner Morris is in support of this project and funding it with ARPA funding. Noel explains how GIS is currently funded (by the people that use it). Commissioner DeGroot would be in favor of using ARPA funding for year one and then for future funding use the same formula we are using now. Commissioner Morris agrees. Commissioner Henslee questions if there have been conversations with the Sheriff's Dept./Klamath Falls City PD about how ESRI would "talk/interact" with EIS so that there could be crime statistics available, would like to see the crime aspect included at this time? Bigby responds it is possible, would have to look into the extra cost associated with getting the crime information. Commissioner Morris would like GIS to get with IT/Sheriff/KFPD to get more

information and get that piece included. Board is good with moving forward with this project.

Commissioner Morris motions to have \$1,400 costs for Natalie's grant conference reimbursed from ARPA funds, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

City of Klamath Falls F-15 static display - \$300,000. Commissioner Morris reviews the City's ask. Commissioner DeGroot suggests ARPA funding as Tourism attraction. Commissioner Henslee asks for actual cost for attraction? DeGroot explains total is 600k with City paying for 1/2. Discussion about who owns the property the structure will sit on and concerns related to that. Commissioner Henslee concerned we wont get a return on the investment. Commissioner Henslee would like to see commitment from property owner (Klamath Wing Watchers Inc.) before we commit.

Noel - A large housing developer is requesting a discount on permit fees which will significantly decrease the fund the Commissioners set up to reimburse CDD for 50% of permit fees. Commissioner DeGroot explains the story behind this large developer that was promised a discount by a previous Commissioner without Board approval, the Board discussed it and decided to fulfill that obligation despite it never being approved by the full Board. Commissioner DeGroot further explains that the Board had previously committed to giving 50% discount towards permit fees for anyone building homes, single family up to 4 units for the next 18 months or until 2 million was expended by reimbursing CDD. Commissioner DeGroot would prefer to wait until we receive the second round of ARPA funds before officially starting that program provided we receive the second round of funding and scale back to 1 million for now. Noel indicates we could get the program started right away with the funding we have now. Henslee suggest scaling back the money may look bad, would suggest leaving it at 2 million. Board is good with starting the program tomorrow and leave the allotted amount at 2 million, but accept requests up to 1 million until we actually have the funds in hand.

5. ARPA Funding Allocation List

Commissioner Morris asked Natalie Parker to detail all the ARPA allocations and projects on our website, Board agrees.

6. Funding Requests

Discover Klamath to host Oregon Destination Association Conference request of \$7,500 sponsorship. Commissioner DeGroot is supportive of bringing people to Klamath, just curious as this is such a small amount in relation to what they receive in funding? Commissioner Morris indicates this was not budgeted but they want to show the "County" is supportive. Commissioner Henslee feels it is really important to host events and is supportive. Noel asks about where money would come from? Consensus is the funding would come from Tourism fund.

KCEDA Octoberfest request to have the prior years forfeited amount of \$4,131 given back to them for this coming years event. Commissioner Morris motions, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved

Graduation Sensation/Klamath Promise; Commissioner DeGroot reviews the past years program and what the "County" provided to the individuals that have signed up for armed forces, Veteran's Department pays for the 50.00 gift cards we give each of them. We have 14 individuals this year and wants to make sure the Board is agreeable with continuing the past participation. Board is agreeable

Commissioner Morris asks why SCOEDD has such a huge increase in the funding request this year, explains they typically get 20-25k per year. Commissioner DeGroot explains that this increased request is a "you don't get if you don't ask" request. Commissioner Morris is supportive of SCOEDD and their work, but is reluctant to increase the amount. Commissioner Morris motions to continue funding of 25k to SCOEDD, Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Commissioner DeGroot would prefer to have them come give us a presentation before we just give them the money. Commissioner Henslee agrees and would like to see a presentation before just blindly giving out money. Board consensus is they would like to see presentation first. Commissioner Henslee would be agreeable to giving the 25k that has been given in previous years. Commissioner DeGroot explains the role the Klamath County Commissioners have with SCOEDD and would be fine with the 25k, but since they want so much more would like to hear what they want to do with those funds. Unanimous vote to award the 25k.

7. Domestic Well Grant Update

Commissioner Morris reviews the Domestic Well Grant program, explains we have committee reviewing applications and given recommendations of approximately 2.733 million in allocations. Parker would like the Board to review the Committee's recommendations, approve the sample approval and denial letters and authorize Noel to sign all the letters. Will prepare individual agreements and put through the process. Commissioner Morris suggests letting the Board digest this information and bring back in a week. Commissioner Henslee asks if there is a map showing all the wells, Parker responds yes and will email the map. Commissioner Henslee questions if there estimates or how were the figures calculated? Parker responds/explains and also states this is reimbursement program. Parker further explains we will have OIT Interns that will be visiting the sites to make sure the work is completed. Commissioner Morris suggests putting this back on Admin next week. Commissioner DeGroot questions the denial letter being more specific not just saying incomplete application, Parker explains. DeGroot suggests adding language to include "may not be eligible". Parker wanted to thank the tax office staff for their help in vetting the applications. Additionally the Committee has asked if the remaining funds can be used for a second round of grant applications rather that water deliver. Commissioner Morris states ODHS has been funding the water delivery, so doesn't believe water delivery will fall back on the County anyway. Further discussion about amount of Admin fees need to be paid from this grant.

8. Carryover To 2022-23 For Juvenile Department

Vickie Noel/Dan Golden address the Board, Juvenile budget will have excess revenues beyond projection. Would like to see 100k of these funds put into the "Capital Fund". Commissioner Morris asks if we anticipated any "give back" from Juvenile? Noel says no. Commissioner Morris supports the project and agrees the excess 88k should be transferred to the construction project. Commissioner DeGroot agrees. Commissioner DeGroot indicates the Board already agreed to support this project with a million dollar match, so committing these one time dollars to the project is good business.

Commissioner Henslee agrees with the 100k and asks if they might really need the entire 200k? Golden suggests looking at the balance at the end of the FY as things may change. Board agrees to go with to 100k for now.

9. Clarification On Klamath IDEA Contract

Commissioner Morris reviews previous allocation of 5,000 was to be used for RARE program, but they didn't get accepted. They would like to use the funding for a high school pitch competition? Board is agreeable. Commissioner Henslee asks for background. Commissioner Morris explains what the RARE program is. Commissioner DeGroot is somewhat concerned that they may want future funding for this program and doesn't want them to think we have approved funding this project in the future without further discussion. Commissioner Morris says that could be easily explained to them. Board is agreeable with them utilizing the funds for the pitch project this year, but not signing up for future commitment. Commissioner Morris will convey this information to Klamath IDEA.

10. Spence Mountain Buildout Proposal



Drew Honzel/Klamath Trails Alliance addresses the Board with proposal to buildout Spence Mountain cost approx 1.1 million. Commissioner DeGroot understands that after the County fully acquires Spence Mountain the County would sign a MOU with KTA to maintain trails, Honzel agrees. Commissioner DeGroot questions using ARPA dollars for this project, after we actually own the mountain? Parker responds/explains is waiting to get clarification from the State. Discussion about when project could begin and expend funds. Parker elaborates further on concerns since they are mid-project would need to meet with parties to make sure all rules/regulations are being followed. Discussion about setting aside ARPA funding for KTA. Commissioner Henslee indicates he would like to find out where all of the ARPA funding has gone, he is in support of this project but wants more time to review all the other projects.

11. Other County Business

Commissioner DeGroot explains we are in contract with the bowling alley adjacent to the Fairgrounds, however we need to discuss where the funding we will be coming from to purchase the property @935k. Commissioner DeGroot further explains if all inspections come back, will likely be new home for Extension Service District rather than the property we previously purchased out by KCC. Will be looking to list that property, but thinks Public Works may be interested in that property. The earnest money came from a line item in the Fairgrounds budget. Gives suggestions on where the purchase funding will come from, Reschke dollars, loan to Fairgrounds etc. Noel asks if the Fairgrounds will have the asset and lease to OSU, Commissioner DeGroot indicates yes. Healthy Klamath is actually looking at moving in there as well. Parker suggests looking at grants for funding. Discussion about the condition of the structure.

12. Adjournment

11:29am

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