

**INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**January 21, 2020 1:30 p.m.**

**Room 32, Courthouse**  
**535 NE Fifth St.**

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**Present:** Commissioners Casey Kulla, Mary Starrett and Richard L. "Rick" Olson

**Staff:** Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Nohely Barajas-Montalvo, Derrick Wharff, Patty Landsiedel, Jourdan Aikens, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Lindsey Manfrin and Keri Hinton

**Guests:** Nicole Montesano, News Register and others as listed on the sign-in sheet

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Commissioner Kulla called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**A. CALENDAR SESSION:** This time is reserved for the review of the commissioner's joint schedule (if needed).

The Commissioners reviewed joint schedules for January 21 through February 14, 2020. No other county business was discussed.

**B. WORK SESSION:** This time is reserved for topics of discussion scheduled for the Commissioners in advance. If a work session is not needed, the balance of the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

1. Work Session –

a. Review/discussion of ODFW Wildlife Habitat Special Assessment

Derrick Wharff stated the county currently holds twenty-one "grandfathered" accounts prior to opting out by resolution. He outlined a proposal of what the county's obligation would entail to offer the program again. Jourdan Aikens compiled a special assessment summary reflecting an audit history of the special assessment deferral types. Mr. Wharff said the Assessor's Office determines the value of special assessment properties, and water rights with land also has evaluation consideration in the real market value.

Commissioner Kulla said that unincorporated areas should qualify in the county if they decide to opt in. A letter by the Board addressed to the state would be required to opt back into the program. Mr. Huffer and Mr. Boenisch recommended that the Board should take action to rescind Board Order 02-885 and choose to opt back in. The consensus of the Board was to ask staff to compose a letter to opt in.

b. End of work session

**C. INFORMAL SESSION:** This time is reserved for briefings, receipt of reports, consultation among commissioners and staff, reports from commissioners on recent actions in the areas of their responsibilities, and other personnel and administrative decisions as appropriate.

1. Department Updates – None.
2. Thursday Formal Session Agenda Review
  - a. Consent Agenda Review (keep or move to non-consent)  
There were no consent agenda items.
  - b. Non-consent Agenda Review (add to consent or leave off)  
Mr. Huffer commented on item F2 clarifying that Genoa Healthcare, LLC. will be making space modifications to include security measures. The consensus of the Board was to move items F1 – F6 to Thursday’s consent agenda.
3. Executive Session –
  - a. Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with person(s) designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.  
  
The Board recessed at 2:04 p.m. to convene an executive session and reconvened at 2:50 p.m. with no final decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to staff.
4. Commissioner Updates/Announcements/Discussion:
5. Adjourn

Following commissioner updates the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Carolina Rook  
Secretary

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