

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 17, 2019 1:30 p.m.

BOC Conf. Room
434 NE Evans St.

Present: Commissioners Richard L. “Rick” Olson, Mary Starrett and Casey Kulla

Staff: Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Brad Berry, Kate Lynch, Tim Svenson, Carrie Martin and Nohely Barajas-Montalvo

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

Commissioner Olson 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).

There was no calendar session.

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: SEDCOR – Abisha Stone

a. Review/discussion - SEDCOR quarterly update

Abisha Stone presented the 7th quarter update (Exhibit “A”) and highlighted the focus on Start-up grant program entrepreneurial engagements. She said there have been several events such as pub talks and workshops which provide networking and resource support for entrepreneurs. She discussed the proposed grant renewal committee members list as recommended by the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) submitted to the Board for approval. The consensus of the Board was to move the grant renewal committee recommendations to Thursday’s non-consent agenda with the potential addition of another member recommendation.

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)

The consensus of the Board was to leave item D1 on Thursday’s consent agenda.

b. Non-consent Agenda Review (add to consent or leave off)

The consensus of the Board was to move items F1 and F3 – F13 to Thursday’s consent agenda. Items F2 and F14 – F18 will remain on non-consent.

Brad Berry summarized item F7 and requested the Board’s consideration for an SED supervisor position.

Tim Svenson addressed item F10, the Siemens contract related to the jail security system upgrade. Mr. Huffer initiated discussion regarding funding options to support the balance of the project not available in the jail budget. The consensus of the Board was to address the funding issue as a separate agenda item after the contract consideration has been decided.

3. Executive Session - None

4. Commissioner Updates/Announcements/Discussion:

Commissioner Starrett and Sheriff Svenson addressed the Helion/Homeward Bound data conversion timeline. The county IT Department will participate in the network and software connections but will not maintain Homeward Bound desktop support.

5. Adjourn

Following commissioner updates the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary