

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA

1:30pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR - 1st Floor Conference Room

Chair Oates called the work session to order. Present: Commissioner Benton, Commissioner McBride, Commissioner Joplin, Commissioner Perkins, Counsel Davies and Administrator Hecksel.

1:30pm Prioritization of County Services

- *Q&A with Department Heads about Services
- *Review Exercise Instructions with Commissioners

Hecksel kicked off the meeting and explained the instructions for the exercise. Each Commissioner has been given 62 stickers (votes), you can place up to 3 stickers on any one service if you desire. There are 88 services listed.

Benton asked about the process and how what we are doing will impact how we move forward. If we say I really value X service, we provide but the level of that service can vary, and will we move to that in the future.

Hecksel said discussion with level of service could happen in a few manners – this is the starting point for the discussion of what and how much as far as an ask if you decide to do that. This could also be used during budget time to determine where fund should be used, and you can talk about level of services then or before if the Commission wants to do that.

Joplin, clarifying the concept of having mandated services and special revenue and general fund all listed together is the intent to eliminate the knowingness that we have to do the service whether we want to or not or just to prioritize them regardless. Hecksel said the latter.

Hecksel said the results of this exercise will help him in knowing how much time and money we put towards each of the services.

Joplin asked if there is a progressive approach when we narrow things. Hecksel said what he has found helpful in the past is once this first step is done it is useful to have a discussion about the results because sometimes things move a bit based on consensus it has nothing to do with scores, after you see it a change of mind could happen. We might not have enough time to get to that point today.

Oates asked about the economics while we go through this exercise today. Hecksel said at this phase we are to not think about the economics of the services. This process is very informative.

Commissioners have a copy of the listed services in front of them and they will then put their stickers on the papers when ready – 1:50pm – 2:30pm.

Commissioners asked about next steps. Jeff stated that we will tally the votes, get the spreadsheet out to the Commission and we can schedule a meeting to go over the results and discussion any move the commission would like to see.

Benton asked if we could identify the services that are tied together for example the health department services that are tied and funded as an all or nothing.

This issue will be reviewed at the 10.21.19 Board of Commissioners work session.

Adjourned at 2:35pm.