

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 1, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes for the January 25, 2017 Board meeting were pulled and held over.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Al Peterson, 101 St. Helens Street, St. Helens: Al represents the Durham Company on their development of the old Cinnamon Tree building in Scappoose. This facility has been crossing the CZ trail for many years, however there is no legal easement. He passed maps of the property to the Board. He is looking for any update on the easement issue so he can report back to the Durham people on Friday. The Board stated that this matter is in the work and appears to be moving forward through the process.

Al's second issue is with the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance. He believes there needs to be some additions to the code relative to government facilities. When he was doing the remodel of the Soil & Water Conservation building, he had to jump through a ridiculous hoop. He was required to get what's called a "determination of similar use" so that building could be used as a government office building as opposed to a grange hall. What he found when going through the zoning ordinance is that the county does not have the ability to have government facilities out in these types of areas. After a review of what he had to do, Commissioner Heimuller asked that Al put this in an email to the Board to look into this.

Al's second issue with the zoning code deals with accessory dwelling units. There are a couple of issues: 1) there is a lack of housing in Columbia County and 2) there are those who would like to make some additional income from their property, i.e. Bed & Breakfast, agrotourism, etc. The code doesn't allow for that either. He would suggest that the Board have a look at this too. Commissioner Heimuller suggested Al do the same thing, by putting it all in an email to the Board to review.

MATT GRAVES - COUNTY AUDIT PRESENTATION:

This matter was carried over.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item (D) was pulled for discussion at the Staff Meeting. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 1/30/17.
- (B) Appoint Michael Fulf to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District Board.
- (C) Resolution No. 5-2017, "In the matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2016-2017".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Local Agency Agreement - Emergency Relief Program (Agreement No. 31445) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Scappoose-Vernonia Highway Slide Repair. ***(Pulled and held over to the Staff Meeting)***
- (E) Image Management Contract with Pacific Office Automation For Two Ricoh Multifunction Copiers and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

PGE SIP DISTRIBUTION:

Sarah Hanson explained that this is the annual distribution of SIP funds that the County received from the PGE project and it's required that the checks be cut by February 1st (today). The form is the same as last year, with the exception of the amount, which is outlined on Exhibit A to the Order. After review and discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Order No. 7-2017, "In the Matter of Distributing Strategic Investment Program ("SIP") Payments for 2017". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller will be in Warrenton tomorrow for the NOHA meeting.

Today at noon, he will be attending a Community Meeting at Dyno Nobel. They talk about the company Dyno, their safety programs, how they interact with the community, etc. Commissioners Magruder and Tardif are welcome to attend.

Last Saturday, he had the honor to attending the memorial service for Marilyn Nash. She was a nurse her whole life and was very well know as a community servant, someone you can always count on and the neighborhood mom to many. Our thoughts and prayers to the Nash family.

After 30 years, Kuy will be retiring and closing her business this month. Kuy has been a great business partner, community partner and loved by all of her customers. She is hosting an open house this Saturday at Kuys and extends an invitation to all.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder, along with the other Board members, had the opportunity to tour the PGE plant out at Port Westward last Friday. It was a great experience and noted they are the County's largest taxpayers. She talked with the PGE representatives about reaching out to our school districts to create some training for students on potential jobs and other programs.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif followed up on the PGE tour. What he found most interesting is the integration of a wildlife preserve within their campus. They utilize small tracts of land for their power plants and the rest of the property for wildlife habitat. He was very impressed with that.

He has been meeting with farmers in the county with the hopes of developing a farm co-op with local farmers, to determine what their needs and wants are. How we as a community can create a farm to table environment

On Friday, he will be in Astoria to attend a Regional Public Health meeting.

There was no Executive Session held.

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With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st of February, 2017.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner