

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 22, 2017

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Special meeting; November 8, 2017 Board meeting and November 8, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

The Board introduced and welcomed Mike Paul, Public Health Administrator, who started with the County on Monday.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 11.13.17 & 11.20.17.
- (B) Order No. 82-2017 In the Matter of Appointing Michael Paul as the Columbia County Public Health Administrator.
- (C) Ratify Release of All Claims in Columbia County v. Patriot Fire Protection, Inc., and Columbia River Fire and Rescue (Case No. 15CV17732) and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Personal Services Contract with David Evans and Associates for Engineering and Other Services for the Gable Road Sidewalk and Bike Lane Project.

- (E) Amendment #18 to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement #148004 for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

MIKE PAUL COMMENTS:

Mike Paul, Public Health Administrator, introduced himself and spoke briefly on his past experience. He is eager to start looking at funding streams for public health services and he plans to work with all other health agencies to help streamline services.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported that Armstrong Industries in St. Helens will be closing its doors in mid 2018. The Columbia County Economic Team is already working with State agencies and others to help the employees through this transition. This closure effects many in our community.

The Board attended the annual AOC conference held last week in Eugene. This is a great educational program and information sharing with all 36 counties. On Thursday night, there was a "Taste of Oregon" event, where all counties bring food/drink products made within their counties for sampling. A special thanks to Columbia County companies: Oregon Hill Farms, Darling Foods, Big River Bistro, Ye Ole Grog, St. Helens Liquor Store and Knife River for their participation and sponsorship.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and please remember our local businesses while doing your holiday shopping.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder also asked that we all try to "Keep It Local" while out shopping, to help support our local businesses.

She commented on the AOC conference. What a great learning experience and it's a good venue for fellowship building with other County Commissioners.

On Monday, she traveled to Riddle, Oregon with representatives from Clackamas County to tour the DR Johnson facility. Valerie & Jodi Johnson (sisters) are innovators in wood products and they are producing cross laminated timber. Columbia and Clackamas counties are both exploring cross laminated timber because over 75% of Columbia

County grows the most wonderful Douglas Fir in the world and the timber industry is very important to us.

She would like to give a shout out to Mark Kuhn, local auctioneer, and his wife Connie, who give endlessly helping out at many events throughout Columbia County. Last weekend, he and Connie attended the Clatskanie Kiwanis Gala and Commissioner Magruder just wanted to thank them for all their support.

Dr. Jim Tyack was able to get a mobile dental unit that will now allow him to provide dental services in south county.

She wanted to publicly congratulate Commissioner Tardif who was elected as AOC Treasurer last week during the AOC conference.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Last week was an exciting time during the AOC conference. Both he and Commissioner Magruder graduated from AOC County College. Those classes were time consuming but very well worth the effort and a great learning experience.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and enjoy time with your family and friends and remember to be thankful and grateful for all you have.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22nd day of November, 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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner