

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 10, 2018

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

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

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Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Board meeting and January 3, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: Don is here today on a couple of issues. One is an old issue with Deer Pointe Meadows that was supposed to be resolved, but never was. He is having problems with abstract runoff coming down from the north field on to his property. This has come before the Board a number of times, yet it is still continues and is a nuisance to him and those who visit his property. He has algae growth in the gravel from those liquids, and algae typically lives on some type of bacteria. That is how the sewage failure was found last time at the MHP. He has photos of the dark fluid and algae and can get those to the Board. He has called DEQ because it looks like another sewer failure, but they keep turning a blind eye when it comes to Deer Pointe Meadows. This is a definite nuisance and health hazard.

His second concern is land use problem. He was looking at a neighboring property, because there was an issue with the speed limit on Price Road because of too many driveways, so the speed was reduced to 25 mph. The county got right on that. However, the neighbor that complained about the speed, has two illegal dwellings on his property. Everyone else in the county has to abide by the rules, why not them. The Board asked Don to submit some written information/photos so they can look into this.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 01.07.18.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) 2018-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement #154105 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

VEHICLE LEASE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Sheriff Dickerson was present to readdress his request for authorization to lease (4) vehicles for Sheriff deputies. Commissioner Magruder has obtained an additional bid from St. Helens Auto and gave it to the Sheriff for review. Dickerson asked if the Board could still approve his request, in concept, for the lease of the 4 vehicles today and he will work out the details to get the best price. The actual lease would still have to be brought before the Board for approval at a later date. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the expenditure of \$75,000 for 3 years for the 4 vehicles. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tardif asked why this didn't go through the new Procurements Officer. Sheriff Dickerson was not aware that the county even had a Procurements Officer.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EOC SHAUN BROWN:

Steve Pegram, EOC Director, came before the Board to introduce new hire Shaun Brown, the new appointed Deputy Director in the Emergency Management Department. He is replacing Vincent Aarts.

Shawn introduced himself and gave some details on his history, experience, etc. He moved from Salem to Scappoose and really likes living in a smaller town. He is looking forward to working here in Columbia County.

Commissioner Heimuller asked what Shaun's vision is to get information out to our communities and individuals so they can be better informed and prepared for a disaster. Shaun plans to attend as many events that he can, visit schools, industries, etc. Any venue he can use to talk with people.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the NOHA meeting in Warrenton last Thursday. They are looking at purchasing a duplex in St. Helens along with about 1 acre to build an apartment complex for low income affordable housing.

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He was pleased to spend the day touring the Mist gas fields last week. It was a very interesting and informative field trip.

On Monday, the Board attended their monthly meetings at AOC in Salem. He reported on the meetings he attended.

He reported on the Public Transportation Advisory meeting he attended that same day.

Yesterday, he was in Salem again for the PTAC Special Transportation Infrastructure Fund (STIF). This pertains specifically to the funding for public transportation under HB2017 and the rules on how those dollars will be collected and then expended.

Tomorrow he will be attending various meetings, i.e. Columbia 911, CCOM, COLPAC, NWACT and the Rainier Chamber.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif also appreciated the tour last week with NW Natural and being able to see how their operation works. It was a very informational and interesting tour.

The AOC meetings held on Monday were very robust, which was a good thing. There was a lot of good communication and open dialog on the different things they want to support or don't want to support and what the constituents want or don't want and collectively formulate a plan for moving forward to help all Oregonians. They decided to stay neutral on the increase of recording fees.

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Next week he will be out of the office to attend the NACO Health Forum in Tennessee.

He reminded everyone that ballots are due by January 23rd. Exercise your right to vote and get those ballots in.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder also enjoyed the NW Natural tour of the Mist Gas fields last week. She has heard from some of the neighbors who commented that NW Natural was great to work with and that there has been little impact to the area.

She attended the HSEMC meeting yesterday. There are so many agencies at the table to help plan for emergencies. Grants are available for training and she is looking forward to participating in those training sessions.

She participated in a Public Lands Committee conference call this morning. They are continuing to work on the Secure Rural Schools funding.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th of January, 2018.

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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Alex Tardif, Commissioner