

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 7, 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.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 Board meeting and January 31, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

*Jim Lichatowich, PO Box 439, Columbia City:* Jim submitted a report, which is part of a larger project called the “World Salmon Forum”. The forum will be held in Seattle in 2019. This is the first of a series of reports. The wild Pacific salmon is a legacy that we owe to our future generations. All elected officials are trustees over that legacy. He has to say that the Board’s decision on the Port Westward rezone is not consistent with their trustee responsibilities. The next time the Board has to make a decision that affects the Columbia River, take a look outside your window and remember the public trust in you to protect the salmon.

***Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier:*** Don has not received any response from DEQ on the Deer Pointe issue, where he is getting high levels of bacterial contamination to his property. He sent the Board a rough map of the area and the test results. As for the results, the person took the tests in the wrong parcel, it should have been TL 2300. Commissioner Heimuller commented that Don speaks like the county is not doing anything about this, however, they work on this almost daily, with phone calls from Don, calls to DEQ, working with LDS, etc. Don doesn't mean to say nothing is being done, he just doesn't feel that all avenues are being considered to deal with the issue.

*At this time, Commissioner Magruder informed the audience that, as procedure dictates, no testimony will be allowed on the Port Westward Ordinance today. Annie Christensen had procedural questions, and will talk with County Counsel after the meeting.*

***Paulette Lichatowich, PO Box 439, Columbia City:*** She has a question about CPACs and the requirement for notifying CPACs on land use applications, to address the public involvement process. She asked County Counsel when the last CPAC election was held and how many CPA's are active at this time. Robin stated that she would have to research that information. Paulette found that the last CPAC election was in 2014, however the length of the term is 2 years and therefore would have expired 3.1.16. So if the Board is considering a land use application and the CPACs aren't active, how does the Board proceed without CPAC involvement. Robin explained that the Board proceeds according to the county ordinance and procedures. If a CPAC isn't active, there is still the Planning Commission process for public involvement. Paulette noted that Goal 1 states that there will be CPACs. Her question is, on any zoning applications since March 1, 2016, was the process followed legally if there are 6 out of the 7 CPACs that are not active.

Commissioner Magruder believes that more than 1 CPAC is active. She herself served on the Clakskanie CPAC until she took office and received packets on any zoning applications. She also noted that the Planning Commission process allowed for public input, as does the public hearings held by the Board of Commissioners. LDS is in the process of gathering information for the March 2018 CPAC election. The Board thanked Paulette for being involved.

*Brian Pixley, Public Information Officer for the Sheriff's Office:* He will be attending these weekly meetings, to just keep the Board updated on any issues related to the Sheriff's Office, process updates, current cases, stats on arrests, responses, traffic stops, etc. The Board thanked Brian for the update and will look forward to having these on a weekly basis.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1 - PORT WESTWARD REZONE:**

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-1, "In the Matter of Application No. PA 13-02/ZC 13-01 by the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Goal Exception to Reclassify 837 Acres of Agricultural Resource to Resource Industrial and Change the Zoning from Primary Agriculture – 80 (PA-80) to Rural Industrial – Planned Development (RIPD) for the Expansion of Port Westward". After a brief recap and with no objections, Robin gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-1, by title only. The second reading will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

**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 02.05.18.
- (B) Appoint Doug Hayes, representing Port of St. Helens and Robert Johnston, representing South County Cities, as alternates to the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee for a (1) year term.
- (C) Reappoint Ian O'Connor, representing Fire/EMS (3 year term); Trish Hilsinger, representing Columbia 911 (1 year term); Jeff VanNatta, representing North County Cities (3 year term); Anne Parrott, representing Public Health (3 year term); and

Lonny Welter, At Large position (3 year term) to the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee.

- (D) Appoint Herb Bailey, Industry Representative, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to replace Ernie Martin. Term to expire 12.31.20.
- (E) Order No. 5-2018, "In the Matter of the Petition by C&P Investments to Name a New Private Road, located off of Shady Way near Scappoose, Oregon, "Sandy Point Way".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) Homeland Security Grant Agreement No. 17-207 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Homeland Security Grant Agreement No. 17-208 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 32421 with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Business Development Department for Administering the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Unified Certification Function.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif attended the Valentines for Vets last Saturday night at Buccini Hall. This was a fundraiser hosted by the Veterans Elks Bunker. There was a great turnout and he has heard estimates of anywhere between \$17,000 and \$22,000. These funds will go towards the veteran programs here in Columbia County.

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Commissioner Heimuller wanted to thank Alta Lynch and all of the volunteers who helped her put the Valentines for Vets event together. It was a full house and a lot of fun.

Yesterday he attended a portion of the Rail HazMat tabletop drill at the Scappoose Fire Department hosted by the State Fire Marshall's Office. It was very informative and it certainly made one aware of the limitations that rural communities have. It was very cool to hear someone from the State level say Columbia County was the first county in the State to actually put together a Rail Hazard Mitigation Plan.

He attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning at 7:00 am. The public is invited to attend and, for those interested, it's held the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Inn at 7:00 am. The committee is currently looking for an "at large" member, so if interested, please contact the Board of Commissioners office for information.

As a reminder, in preparation for the 2018 Columbia County Fair, the Fair Board is already holding their weekly meetings every Saturday at 9:30 am.

He had the pleasure of mc'ing Senator Wydens town hall meeting last Friday. It was held at the Scappoose High School and it was enjoyable to see the students involved and asking questions. It's good to see our students so well informed on current events.

The Board will be holding a "Coffee with the Commissioners" this Friday at 7:30 am at the Cornerstone Restaurant in Rainier.

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Commissioner Magruder attended the Railroad Hazmat table top exercise yesterday. It was her first time attending one of these exercises and it was extremely interesting and informational. She learned a lot about state and local resources that would be available in the event of a major disaster.

She and Commissioner Heimuller attended the viewing of "Unprepared" last night in Clatskanie. There were around 80 people in attendance. Information was shared on the probable event of an earthquake. This was put on by our Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee. She also learned that emergency kits, that used to be a 72 hour kit, has a new standard. You should now have 2 weeks of provisions in your kit.

She very much enjoyed the Valentines for Vets event held Saturday night.

She attended the Clatskanie Chamber meeting last week.

A reminder that breakfast is served the first Saturday of the month at the Shrine Hall and the second Saturday of the month, you can get breakfast at the Warren Grange.

Tomorrow afternoon, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service is holding their working group at the SWCD office at 1:00 pm. It's an opportunity for people to engage and talk about natural resource concerns and help NRCS develop their priorities.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 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](http://www.co.columbia.or.us)

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