

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 21, 2018

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Tardif moved 2018 Board meeting and File second 2018 approval Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

~~Don Campbell, 75735 Price Rd, Rainier~~ During the public hearing on the e-coli issue these issues all over the state. The e-coli numbers and coliform being off the charts is not a big issue to them. Where do they get the numbers that they consider normal? When Don stated there was still contamination, DEQ could not give him an answer. Also when Don asked if the e-coli numbers are over 200 could make an infant child or an elderly person sick or kill them? DEQ could not answer. They do not seem to want to look at the big picture, only if it is sewage or not sewage. It was understood that DEQ was supposed to handle any type of contamination. Our neighborhood is being affected by this.

Commissioner Magruder stated that this has been a long going issue, and they will continue to work with DEQ on this.

2nd READING: ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1 - PORT WESTWARD REZONE:

Applicant Title 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, Sarah gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-1, by title only.

With no additional discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to adopt 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". With the vote taken, Commissioner Tardif opposed. The motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-2 - AMENDMENT TO CCZO RELATED TO

This is the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-2, titled "Amendment to Marijuana Related Land Uses in Unincorporated Columbia County". After a brief recap and with no objections, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-1, by title only. The second reading will be set for Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at or after 10:00 am.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Maguire presented the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 02.19.18.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Janet Wright.
- (C) Approve Personnel Actions for Michael Ray.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Personal Services Contract with Capital Assets and Pavement Services Inc. for Pavement Inspection and Digital Imaging of County Roads.

The motion carried unanimously.

FIELD WORKER SAFETY POLICY:

Chair Ripa presented the Field Worker Safety Policy for District Board as set forth in the budget would be impacted, buddy systems for when field work is out of service coverage, and CCOM radio training among other training that will be available. After discussion, there was Board consensus to have staff move forward with this policy and bring back before the Board for approval.

UPDATE ON ELECTION EQUIPMENT:

Betty Hlysrud presented the update on the Board's election equipment. She stated that the Board's election equipment is not certified. Betty has been talking with ESNS and they will be refunding the County \$19,000.00. She is also negotiating with ESNS because they want to charge rent for the use of the 850 during the last three elections. There is a possibility that the refund could be as large as \$24,000.00. Betty has also been talking with another county who has an 850 ESNS that they will sell for \$25,000.00. Betty is here today to update the Board on this situation and to request \$1,000 - \$6,000 to cover the difference. She noted that there would be no extra cost for software and no delivery

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charge because we would be getting it from another county. The total price would be around \$55,000.00 opposed to the \$100,000.00 that she was quoted a year ago.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF:

Wife of Judge Betty She is requesting additional \$10,000.00 to be added to the Clerk's budget to hire a Recording Officer. The Board will bring these items to the budget meeting for discussion.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Comments: RSVP has also provided the RSVP Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. County. The Federal Government pays around \$67,000.00 per year to help support this program, along with proceeds from various fund raisers. These volunteers touch thousands of lives around the county, from reading at the schools, to greeting people at the Courthouse, and many projects throughout the County. In collaboration with Columbia River PUD and Columbia County, they put on The My Fair Lady Program. Nominations are now open, so if you have a candidate you would like to nominate, you can call PUD or RSVP at the Fire Station and talk to Monica. You can also call the Commissioner's office and we can send out an application. There is always a need for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time and be part of the RSVP program please call Monica at 503-397-2990.

Senator Jeff Merkley was in town last night for a town hall meeting. Around 20-25 people attended. He spent time talking with other elected officials and with the public. One of the big topics of discussion was school shootings and how to keep our kids safe.

The South County Old-Folk's League from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Awards Banquet will be held

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

No Comments

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder appreciated having Senator Merkley in town so we could

She mentioned that United Way is focusing on Meals on Wheels for seniors this year. If you are a United Way supporter, please think about the Meals on Wheels program. Seniors get food that they may not otherwise get. They also get to connect with people from the outside.

Last week she attended the Oregon State Weed Board Invasive Species. The invasive weed program in the State of Oregon is very poorly funded, yet invasive weeds have a negative impact on many things in our life, water quality, on our economy, millions of dollars in agriculture and forest economy. We need to think

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about this a little more. You are encouraged to call the Columbia SWCD if you need help controlling an invasive weed.

Mentioning the RSVP volunteers, Commissioner Magruder wanted to see people just where they need to go. With the bad weather, we do not have our RSVP volunteer today, so people are just wandering around and it is very noticeable just how important the RSVP program is.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) – REAL PROPERTY:

The Board 02.21.18 (e) regular session going into Executive Session. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to have County Counsel prepare a sales agreement with Rick and Jeanette Richmond in the amount of \$100,145.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21st day of February, 2018.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or www.co.columbia.or.us

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By: Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By:
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Specialist

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner