

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 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 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 March 14, 2018 Board meeting and March 14, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

*Brian Pixley, Sheriff's Office PIO*, came before the Board to present his weekly update on the Sheriff's Office. Based on statistical information from last year, inmates in the Jail suffered a mental health crisis about every 4 days. To help combat that, the Jail has added 2 hours of mental health services for the inmates, up to 18 hours per week. They have doubled their telepsych hours from 4 to 8 hours per week. This is a program where they take inmates down to a secure room, and they can teleconference with a psychologist to talk through their issues. They are also working with CCMH who is providing an additional 8 hours of mental health services, through the mobile crisis unit. They will continue to work to improve mental health services to the inmates.

Moving on, there was a successful dog track last week in the Alston area. The deputy attempted to pull over a vehicle but it took off. They used the K-9 to track and apprehend that individual. The Drug canine is going through training and should be back soon. Brian also reported on the Lewis & Clark Bridge incident this week. Sam Owens was arrested, and hopefully he will be taking advantage of the mental health program offered at the Jail. OSP dealt with the airplane crash yesterday in Clatskanie because the Sheriff's staff was still dealing with the Lewis & Clark bridge incident.

***Rosemary Clement, 155 S. First Street, St. Helens:*** She wanted to take this opportunity to talk about the Spring Clean Up event taking place on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon. She handed the Board a flyer detailing the event, which has been posted on the Courthouse bulletin board.

***Deborah Kenoyer, Bedell Road, Deer Island:*** She and Lisa Star have been having on-going issues with Mr. Eddy Monk regarding the road work he is doing on Bedell Road. He is expanding the road and eliminating the ditches and now the natural runoff is coming down onto her property. Mike Russell, the new Public Works Director, stepped into an escalating problem. After meeting with Eddy Monk, Mr. Russell told him to not do any work on the road, but Mr. Monk is not paying any attention to that. If she goes on vacation, when she comes back, the road could be 3 feet wider. She used the grease board to illustrate the layout of the road and Mr. Monk's property and the gate he installed on a county road. The neighbors are looking for answers on how to deal with this. Commissioner Tardif has been out there and understands Deborah's concerns with the road work being done in front of her house, but fails to understand how the road up farther is part of the issue. Commissioner Heimuller has also been out there and understands that Mr. Monk is wanting the road to look nice. He understands the situation with water runoff going downhill to Deborah's property. He would be interested in seeing the survey once completed. Commissioner Tardif explained that Mike Russell is preparing a letter that states the Road Department will be returning the road to correct status, i.e. ditches, etc. and that no one is to do work on the road except the Road Department.

**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 03.19.18.
- (B) 2018 Liquor License Renewals for:
  - Moose Lodge #591 St. Helens;
  - Vernonia Golf Course

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 165-090073-18 with the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Infrastructure Contract #4328-DR-OR with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for Disaster Relief from Severe Winter Storms in January 2017 and authorize Chair to sign.
- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement #180010 with the Oregon Judicial Department for Court Facility Improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

**PAVING PROJECT AT FAIRGROUNDS:**

Butch Guess, Fair Board Chairman, approached the Board to present a quote from Tristan Wood, County Road Department, for paving work at the fairgrounds where the vendors

site (both sides of rodeo row) and the road from gate 4 out to Sausler Road. Tristan's quote for all three areas, comes to approximately \$82,000. This could be more or less, depending on the cost of asphalt. Butch is requesting authorization to use some of the Fair Reserve Fund to pay for this project. He believes there is approximately \$130,000 in the fund at this time. This fund is for capital improvements only. The Fair Board has voted to approve this. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the use of Fair reserve funds, not to exceed \$82,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ELECTION EQUIPMENT:**

Don Clack, Elections Department, came before the Board with a proposal to purchase a larger model DS850 ballot scanner from Lane County. ES&S will take back the rental, give us a credit, and then the county would purchase the DS850 from Lane County. Commissioner Heimuller is willing to approve this, however, for the record, he does not feel that ES&S is a company he would ever want to work with again because of the way they handled the original purchase of the DS450. If the Board is in favor of this, Sarah will start work on drafting an agreement for approval at a later date.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET:**

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, addressed the necessary supplemental budget for the Public Health fund. This is the result of having public health staff coming in-house and the actual costs that are now known for the public health program. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Resolution No. 12-2018, "In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget

Appropriations and Contingency Transfer for Fiscal Year 2017-2018". The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller was happy to be invited to a meet and greet with the final 4 candidates for the Executive Director for the OMIC facility. He plans to submit his recommendation on the candidate he would prefer.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif attended 2 of the meet and greets at the OMIC and was impressed with the potential candidates.

The City of St. Helens received funding to create a Brownfield Advisory Committee. The committee would be looking at all brownfield sites throughout the city and determine if it needs a phase 1 analysis and what can be done to get them cleaned up and shovel ready.

He's been doing a lot of work on behavioral health. As noted this morning by Brian Pixley, mental health and our jail is a real issue.

He had a good conversation with the Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team on recycling issues going on around the whole northwest and that China is refusing a lot of product. Commissioner Tardif would like to see a recycling facility located at Port Westward.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder also attended the 4 meet and greets at OMIC. They have selected some outstanding candidates and it was a real pleasure to meet them.

It's National Ag Week, so we should all thank a farmer for the food you eat.

She attended a public hearing in Longview regarding the changes being proposed on the Washington side of the bridge, which will have an impact on those traveling from Oregon to Washington. It's important for the public to be involved in this. There will be another public hearing at the Rainier Senior Center on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

She and Chuck Daughtry continue to work with Clackamas County and others to explore the potential of siting a Cross Laminated Timber facility here in Columbia County.

Happy Spring to all. It's National Crazy Sock day that supports research on Downs Syndrome.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 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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Alex Tardif, Commissioner