

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 2, 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 April 25, 2018 Board meeting and April 25, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Judge Jennifer Grant, wanted to publicly thank the Board and staff for the new carpet recently installed in the courtrooms. It was done quickly and efficiently and she is delighted with it.

Brian Pixley, Sheriff's Office PIO, came before the Board to present his weekly update. The Sheriff's Office received 236 calls, 4 arrests and 43 traffic stops. Clatskanie PD took 80 calls, 1 arrest and 31 traffic stops. The CCSO spent a lot of time this past week working on a search warrant, which was served yesterday. They arrested a man from Columbia City for luring a minor, 5 counts of abusing a child, etc. This person is a long haul trucker so they anticipate there may be other victims out there. They had a lot of

help on this case from Rainier PD, FBI, St. Helens and Scappoose PD. Brian will be putting out a press release on this tomorrow.

Al Peterson, 101 St. Helens Street, St. Helens: He owns property in the Tide Creek area, as does his family. Last week, there were 2 CPAC elections held. He and Kanniker attended and it was a very interesting process. Glen Higgins gave an introduction then proceeded to hold the elections for Scappoose and St. Helens areas. Kanniker had commented that Oregon already has a mail in election, yet for CPAC, people have to actually show up to participate. Al also found out that there was not going to be a Tide Creek CPAC election because it had been disbanded (administratively) and combined with the St. Helens and Rainier CPAC's. Al asked if the Comp Plan can be changed administratively. Robin explained that it can be changed, but it would require the full legislative process. Al submitted a letter to the Board, with additional information. Modifying the Comprehensive Plan "administratively" is contrary to the Comp Plan. Amendments to the plan must go through the process.

James McCarty, 3557 Alderwood Drive, St. Helens: He understands that Sheriff Dickerson is resigning. The Board now needs to make a decision on who will replace him during the interim. There appears to be a lot of turmoil in the Sheriff's Office and he believes it is imperative that someone from the outside be appointed as interim Sheriff. He supports the Sheriff's Office but feels there needs to be a clean sweep in the administration.

Mike Feakin, 59177 Copper Spur Court, St. Helens: He was employed at the Sheriff's Office until 2015, when he was let go because Sheriff Dickerson questioned his loyalty. Because he didn't put up election signs for Sheriff Dickerson, it became a downward spiral and he was eventually let go. He agrees that someone from the outside be appointed as interim Sheriff.

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 04.30.18.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) C15-2018 - Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation of Parole and Probation Officers for 2018-2019 COLA.
- (C) C25-2018 - Contract with Amaco Construction Equipment, Inc., for Purchase of Used Gradall Excavator.
- (D) United States Environmental Protection Agency Engine Declaration Form for Import of Gradall Excavator and authorize Mike Russell to sign.
- (E) C26-2018 - Letter of Agreement with Local 1442 Regarding Boot Allowance.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Happy May Day to all.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator, is celebrating her 27th anniversary in the Board office. Congratulations to Jan and thanks for all you do.

The Columbia County Economic Team Golf Tournament is this Friday and it's open to the public.

Reminder that there are 84 days until the Columbia County Fair. The Fair Board is already hard at work putting it together. They hold a workshop every Saturday and anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to attend.

The My Fair Lady Tea will be held at the Shrine Club on May 30th.

The Board will be holding their "Chat with the Commissioners" this Thursday at 5:30. It will be held at the "Roof" restaurant in St. Helens.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Congrats to OMIC on the hiring of their new Executive Director Craig Campbell.

There will be another CPAC election next month.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd of May, 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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Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

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Margaret Magruder, Chair

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner