

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 1, 2018

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Heimuller was not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 Board meeting; and July 25, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Brian Pixley, Sheriff's Office PIO***, came before the Board to present his weekly report. Last week, the Sheriff's Office received 354 call, 35 traffic stops and no arrests. The Clatskanie PD received 105 calls for service, 18 traffic stops and no arrests.

The SO is hoping to build 2 dog kennels at the facility so there is a spot to keep the dogs on site if needed. This way, when the handlers are away, there is a place they can be kept and cared for by staff. Commissioner Tardif asked why they don't just use the kennels at Animal Control. Brian didn't have an answer for that but will check into it.

The SO is working with the St. Helens high school coach with plans on setting up a self defense class for kids.

They had 2 deputies graduate from the 40 hour state deputy medical examiner's course. They will need to complete an 8 hour internship to become certified.

***Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road:*** He is here today to address the blackberry bushes that were sprayed by the County Road Department. They were spraying right near and into the creek. He is concerned about what chemicals are in that spray. Commissioner Magruder stated that the Road Department is required to use an aquatically approved chemical but will check with them to be sure.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 07.30.18.
- (B) Temporary Construction Easement from Sean M. Fillner for Constructing Improvements along EM Watts Road.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) C81-2018 - Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District for Schaffer Road Culvert Repairs.

The motion carried unanimously.

**LAND USE APPLICATION FOR KENNELS AT JUSTICE FACILITY:**

**Brian Pixley, Sheriff's Office**, is requesting Board approval for the land use application to build 2 kennels at the Sheriff's Office. Brian gave some detail information on the design. He doesn't have the total cost with him, but it should be minimal because county maintenance workers will be building it. After some discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the City of St. Helens Land Use application for dog kennels at 901 Port Avenue, St. Helens and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

**Julie Thompson, 405 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Helens:** She sent an email to the Board and wanted to discuss it. She is reaching out to the Board to help her accomplish something a little different, but believes it would add value and a sense of pride to our community. She is involved with a charity event through the Greater International Scavenger Hunt, which focuses on bringing one's community together to celebrate unique endeavors and accomplish big things. One of these tasks involves having a piece of land legally awarded to an inanimate object. This task was inspired by an oak tree in Athens, Georgia, that owns the land under and around it. She understands this is a weird request, however this charity event is designed to pull one outside of their comfort zone. She is asking for help by having the county dedicate the land under the largest tree in the Courthouse Plaza, to the tree. Julie will need photographic evidence of this happening by this Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Magruder suggested that County Counsel look at the information to see if this is possible and, if so, how to accomplish it. The Board will reconsider this during the afternoon work session and get back to Julie.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif reminded all of the Wings and Wheels event happening this coming Saturday in Scappoose and the Vernonia Jamboree is also on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The National Night Out for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, along with the Scappoose and Rainier Police Departments is happening next Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Remind everyone to smile at people.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder also noted that the Vernonia Jamboree is coming up this weekend.

Last week, she attended the O&C meeting in Grants Pass. They were pretty close to the fire and were able to see the helicopters filling their buckets with water. There are a lot of fires happening right now, so please be very careful when outside. Thoughts and prayers to all those helping fight these fires.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 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)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Present  
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Tardif, Commissioner