

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 29, 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 August 15, 2018 Board meeting; and August 15, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 AS “CHIP BUBL DAY”:**

Commissioner Magruder read the proclamation into the record. Afterwards, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to proclaim September 1, 2018 as “Chip Bubl Day”. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

**Judge Jenifer Grant** was present to share that she had a conversation with the Security Deputy, who has regularly removes knives from visitors. She asked if the Board had considered her prior recommendation for a larger sign to post inside the courthouse that no weapons are allowed in the Courthouse. Commissioner Magruder stated that the signs have already been ordered and should be posted by next week. Commissioner Heimuller asked what is happening to those entering the courthouse with knives. Deputy Rigdon explained that, for the most part, we’re talking about pocket knives (sometimes larger), these people carry these knives on a daily basis as part of their routine. Grant stated that, if the security deputy arrests someone, it takes him out of the courthouse and leaves the courthouse unprotected.

**Brian Pixley, Sheriff’s Office PIO**, came before the Board to present his update for the past 2 weeks.

- CCSO received 493 calls for services, 65 traffic stops and 7 arrests. The Clatskanie PD received 236 calls for services, 76 traffic stops and zero arrests.
- The CCSO has a new Patrol Sgt. Brent Thompson, starting Friday. Brent comes to us as a lateral from the St. Helens Police Department with 9 years experience.

- Sourjohn Case - In April 2018, a student's mother reported to the CCSO that her juvenile daughter had sex with an adult (Mr. Sourjohn). As deputies were working that case, an unrelated arrest warrant was put out for Sourjohn's arrest. Deputies located him and arrested him on the warrant. During the course of the arrest, deputies located incriminating evidence in the juvenile case. While Sourjohn was in custody, CCSO served multiple warrants on Sourjohn's residence and electronic equipment. The evidence located in the search warrants then led to the 44 court indictment on all new charges. This is a great example of teamwork between agencies. Agencies that helped include the DA's office, Rainier PD, OSP and the Amani Center.
- On 8.26.18, Rainier PD took a reported assault in their jurisdiction. RPD asked the CCSO to take the case on and they did. They located and interviewed the victim and learned there were 2 people that had assaulted him. The 2 suspects donned gloves to help hide any DNA or fingerprints that may be left behind, and used steel toe boots during the assault. CCSO wrote a search warrant to locate any items used in the assault to include; gloves, steel toe boots, electronic communication or videos of the assault. That search warrant was served yesterday and we located the gloves and boots used during the assault as well as the 2 suspects. They were lodged in the jail on charges of Burg I, Assault II, Assault III and Menacing, \$136,000 bail.
- CCSO investigators are currently working on another search warrant for the Hightower case. This is still an ongoing investigation and learning new information all the time.
- This is the last week for the first Life Lessons group. Beginning next week we will begin conducting exit interviews with each participant with hopes of improving the program. Since this program has began, there has been no jail rule violations, no contraband found and no altercations in the pod. This is unheard of in a jail setting.
- Deputies located a loaded syringe on an incoming arrestee last week. Luckily, she did not get posed by the needle. If the CCSO were able to get a body scanner, it will greatly reduce the risk of needle sticks and will reduce the amount contraband coming into the facility.
- Brian and Deputy Salle walked through the Animal Shelter yesterday. They noticed a lot of deficiencies and things that need to be improved on. They are working on getting bids to bring the facility back in shape.

**Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier:** He is starting to see better law enforcement coverage in his area and appreciates that very much. That said, he still has concerns about his neighboring property owner. He purchased the public records for the property,

at a high cost, and he continues to see deficiencies. In 1984, the county took responsibility to efficiently oversee land use. The more he looks into things, the less he sees that happening. He would like to see that, when something is brought to the county's attention, that is actually going to be enforced. At some point, the rose colored glasses have to come off and figure out what it's going to take to fix this county and get fairness back to the citizens.

Commissioner Magruder responded. Since she has been in office, the past year and a half, the Board has taken Don's complaints under consideration. There has been thousands spent on making corrections to address the complaints. These complaints have not fallen on deaf ears. Additionally, the staff time put into his records request, 700 pages, was not out of line.

Commissioner Tardif also responded. Don had stated that he has been trying to solve his issues for the past 20 years. Tardif believes that the current Board has taken more steps towards resolution in the past 1 1/2 years, than in the past 20. You can see that manifest itself in the community, with increased patrols and the county living the currently adopted vision and values. The county is going through a restructuring to align our goals and priorities with that of the community. It's taken years to get to this point and it's not going to be fixed in 1 year. This Board is committed themselves to doing that and are taking the steps to get there. He is sorry if our time frame is not quick enough for Don. The Board has taken all of Don's complaints, vetted the information and done everything they could do to fix the problem, where they could.

***Lynette Hellberg, 53180 Flint Drive, Scappoose:*** She is hear again today regarding the continued harassment they are receiving from their neighbor. They do not feel protected. This has been an ongoing situation for years now. They have been willing to mediate with the owner but the bullying and harassment has continued. They have had to hire on-site security.

### **CONTINUE HEARING: SCOTT WINEGAR ZONE CHANGE RR-2 TO CS-1:**

This is the continuation of the Public Hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of Scott Winegar for a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment from Rural Residential (RR-2) to Community Service Institutional (CS-1)".

Scott Winegar, representing the school, sent an email to the county requesting this hearing be postponed to a later date because they are trying to get a Lot evaluation report completed. Due to a potential conflict of interest with the prior vendor, so had to start over with a new vendor.

Glen Higgins explained that, once the lot evaluation study is completed, it must go to DEQ for review. They are short staffed and that could take 30-45 days. Once that is

done, county staff can prepare an updated staff report. He would suggested last November or early December.

After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to continue this hearing to December 5, 2018 at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 08.21.18 & 08.28.18.
- (B) Appoint Dena Chesney to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee for a three year term. Term to expire 12.31.2021.
- (C) Order No. 33-2018 In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property In Scappoose, Oregon, to Hillcrest Investments, LP; Tax Map ID No. 3N2W22-AC-12100 and Tax Account No. 6256.
- (D) Quitclaim Deed to Hillcrest Investments, LP; Tax Map ID No. 3N2W22-AC-12100 and Tax Account No. 6256 , and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Order No. 34-2018 In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property In Birkenfeld, Oregon, to David and Gayle Swenson; Tax Map ID No. 6N5W06-BC-03500 and Tax Account No. 25266.
- (F) Quitclaim Deed to David and Gayle Swenson; Tax Map ID No. 6N5W06-BC-03500 and Tax Account No. 25266, and Authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) C77-2018 - Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 1819Columbia-001 with the Oregon State Marine Board and authorize Steve Salle to sign.
- (H) C88-2018 - Amendment No. 10 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 720-07 with Portland Community College for CC Rider and authorize Chair to sign.

- (I) C90-2018 - Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Halloweentown Activities on County Facilities and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) C91-2018 - Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Holiday Decor on County Facilities and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif also reported on the Coastal Caucus. It was a very interesting meeting - and will be interested to see what comes out of our legislative ...

Labor Day is on Monday. Have a safe, fun and enjoyable day.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller had the opportunity last week to participate in a "Financial 101" class during the CCO meeting. Good useful education.

The Board attended the Coastal Caucus last week in Lincoln City. Local government officials, business owners, legislators and others attend this economic summit. Education and cap-and-trade were the main topics of discussion.

Karen Harris passed away last week. Karen was always out there, mostly in the background, doing work for the senior centers, worked for years getting ferral cats off the streets, served on the 911 budget committee. She was a great friend to Columbia County.

Senator McCain passed away last Saturday. He was a great patriot and a huge loss to our country.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder reported that this is harvest time for the farmers, but the smoke in the

City/County Dinner meeting last week here in St. Helens. She was so pleased to see the commadary between the many groups that attend for the betterment of this county.

She left that meeting and headed to Lincoln city for the Coastal Caucus. That was a great meeting and very informative.

She attended the CZ Trail Committee. Worked on a scope of work....

Self Help Committee, a part of CAT - transitional housing facility.

Yesterday, the Board toured the Composite Industrial facility. They make molds for boats, drones, windmill blades, etc. Very interesting tour.

School will be starting so be viligant while driving and watch out for the children.

Hood to Coast event - wanted to thank the citizens of Columbia County for their patience during that event.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29<sup>th</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)

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