

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 10, 2018

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

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 October 3, 2018 Board meeting, and October 3, 2018 Work Session. Commissioner Tardif was not present for the October 3rd Board meeting or the October 3rd Work Session. Commissioner Tardif abstained. The motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Lt. Brian Pixley Columbia County Sheriff's Office Briefing: Calls for services for the week 10/1/18 -10/07/18 Columbia County Sheriff's Office had 363 calls, 58 traffic stops, six arrests and one search warrant. Clatskanie Police Department had 151 calls, 59 traffic stops and one arrest.

On 10.3.18 George Bainbridge was arrested on an arrest warrant on charges of

- Two counts of Aggravated Animal Abuse in the First degree
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm
- Recklessly Endangering Another Person
- Animal Abuse in the Second Degree
- Two Counts of Animal Abuse in the First Degree

This stems from an incident where Bainbridge allegedly shot two of his neighbor's pigs in September 2018.

Negotiations with the US Marshall's are over and we have settled on a rate of \$92.00 per inmate per night. This is a \$12.00 per inmate per night increase. The new price will go into effect the first of the month following the signing date.

He conducted initial interviews yesterday with eight applicants for patrol positions. We are trying to get panel interviews scheduled for 10/22/18.

We have been trying to increase radio connectivity within the entire courthouse. The testing was performed indicated we need to add some additional equipment to the courthouse so the radios will be able to transmit and receive everywhere in the courthouse, this includes the bottom floors and star wells. The added equipment will be around \$3,500.00. This will allow us to provide better security within the courthouse and allow for better officer safety.

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 10.08.18.
- (B) Authorize the Finance Director to fill the vacant Accountant position.
- (C) Authorize the Transit Program Administrator to fill the vacant Transit Coordinator position.
- (D) Authorize the LDS Director to fill the vacant Permit Technician position.
- (E) Approve Letters of Authority under Enforcement Ordinance for the following: Sgt. Brent Thompson, Michael Paul, Derek Fraser - Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Russell - Public Works Director, Suzi Dahl - Building Official, Kevin Hesson - Environmental Services Specialist I, Mike Christman - Environmental Sanitarian, Shannon Fost - Environmental Sanitarian.
- (F) Appoint Linda Hooper (Clatskanie-Quincy Neighborhood), Bill DeJager (Mist-Birkenfeld Neighborhood), Claudia Frace (St. Helens-Pittsburg Road Neighborhood), Rosemary Lohrke (Scappoose Neighborhood), Tammy Maygra (Tide Creek - Canaan Neighborhood), Jason Resch (Warren Neighborhood), Steve Calhoun (Vernonia Neighborhood); Tracy Prescott-MacGregor; and Leslie Woodward to the Committee for Citizen Involvement for a (3) year term.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Last Friday Commissioner Heimuller spent the day at the Columbia County 911 "Radio Day" to talk about needs of the radio system as Columbia 911 heads into upgrading the countywide radio system. The current radio system is 18 years old and has out lived its useful life. This was a day well spent with our Partners in Columbia County.

A lot of Halloween Town events going on around south county. He and his daughter spent all day Saturday and Sunday giving hay rides for the Fall Harvest Festival. He will be driving the shuttle bus this coming weekend for the St. Helens Kiwanis.

We also had folks from the East Coast that produced a movie about spooks and spirits. Yesterday he was able to take them on a tour of the old clock tower and the old court house. It was fun to show them around and let them learn about the history of our town.

We were all able to attend the AOC Committee meetings this last Monday. We are getting ready to head toward the long legislative session next spring. The committee work at AOC to represent the needs of counties Statewide in developing our legislation concepts and legislation priorities is so important. He is glad that he was able to attend.

Invitation to you all Thursday at 10:00am at the Community Action Team Building there will be ground breaking for the new apartment building. This apartment building will be on 18th Street bringing in 15 units for low income housing and four units will be designated for homeless veterans. This has been a long process but it is happening, they anticipate the grand opening early next year.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif was able to participate in the Rural Health Conference in Bend with Columbia County Public Health Administrator, Mike Paul. They brought back a lot of great resources and information that they will be able to use in the public sector to help people with the opioid epidemic and drug epidemic in all of our communities across our nation.

He also attended the AOC meeting on Monday. There are a lot of things coming up in this long legislative session that we all need to be paying close attention to. This will be a big session that could drastically change the landscape of Oregon, We all need to get involved.

There will be an Auction this coming Saturday night for the Sande School of Horsemanship and their Barn Buddies Program. This organization focuses on animal therapy for foster and adopted children, this is a great program. If you would like to learn more about it please give him or the Barn Buddies a call.

Remember to smile at someone new. You don't know where they are coming from or where they are going. Lets try to uplift everyone.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

AOC meetings are always great, the importance of the Association of Oregon Counties is that when all 36 counties can come together on an issue that is going before the Legislature, it is very powerful. She really appreciates those meetings and working with

Commissioners across the State to make changes. Also at the AOC meetings they have been working with Senator Wyden's office on forest funding, which we used to get from O&C funding and secure rural school funding. Legislation is being drafted to replace those dollars which have not been coming to the counties.

Do not forget to go to the Candidate Forum's to meet your candidates.

Last Friday she went with the Columbia County Museum Association to tour the 100,000 foot warehouse of the Oregon Historical Society archives located in the Gresham area.

Director Kerry Tymchuck was their guide, and he was the statesman of the year this year. Once a year the Historical Societies in the State of Oregon have a summit and get to tour the facility, this is not open to the public. She thanked the Columbia County Museum Association for the great job they do to maintain the history of Columbia County

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th of October 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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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner