

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 19, 2018

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Heimuller Heimuller and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Tiffany Johnson, 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 December 12, 2018 Board meeting and December 12, 2018 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Brian Pixley, Sheriff PIO, came before the Board to introduce Sgt. Chris Neifert, who will be assisting Brian with his PIO duties and weekly reports. Chris introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background. Being a life long Columbia County resident, he is grateful for being able to work as a Columbia County Deputy.

Brian then gave his report:

- They are getting ready to launch their third Life Lessons Pod. This appears to be a successful program. Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that he spoke with one of the volunteer staffers of that program, who was really impressed with the program and how it is helping, not just the clients, but herself as well.
- Deputies located both heroin and meth in one of the pods last week. Those responsible have been charged with supplying, possession and distributing the drugs.
- On 12.8.18, the Sheriff's Office participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Donut Day. They raised \$1,009.55 and 254 lbs of food for the Turning Point Food Bank in Clatskanie. Altogether, Columbia County police agencies distributed 800 dozen donuts on that day.
- Deputy Pesio and K9 Lars graduated from K9 school and are now a certified team and back out of patrol. Brian shared a short video of what takes place during training.
- The CCSO also participated in the Shop with a Cop event. They take children shopping and the kids are given a spending limit and they get to pick out what they want for Christmas.

**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 12.17.18.
- (B) Cancel the 12.26.18 Board meeting and Work Session.
- (C) Approve Personnel Action for Jennifer Cuellar.
- (D) Order No. 54-2018, "In the Matter of Distributing Strategic Investment Program ("SIP" Payments for 2018)".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (E) C121-2018 Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Grant Agreement for Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign and authorize the Chair and Captain Kinsel to sign.
- (F) "C122-2018 Oregon State Sheriff's Association Grant Agreement for Safety Belt Overtime Enforcement Grant and authorize the Chair and Captain Kinsel to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to remind people to keep in mind during this holiday season that there are people out there that could use a helping hand. There are a number of places around town where people can drop off food and gifts. There are a number of ways to help out those in need.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

A huge shout out to Hudson Garbage, who sponsored the bike build. There were approximately 140 bikes put together for kids.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder wanted to announce that a new LDS Director has been hired, Karen Schminke will be on board in mid January.

With the current weather situations, there can be flooding and muds slides around the county, so please be careful out there.

Thanks to all of those who helped out during the holiday season.

Happy holidays to all and be safe.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19<sup>th</sup> of December, 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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