

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

**March 13, 2019**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

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

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Board meeting and February 27, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

***Gainier Riker, 34085 Church Road, Warren:*** She is a local resident and the owner of the Big River Bistro. She asked if the County has any involvement with the City of St. Helen's ownership of the 200 acres of Boise property along the waterfront. After having a business for the past 3 years, she has some concerns with the proposed uses for that property. This is a county resource, a State resource and an interstate resource and it has the opportunity to create jobs. She just wanted to know if the Board of Commissioners will have any involvement in what happens with this property and if they can offer input.

***Libby Juarez-Sisson, 494 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Helens:*** She is here to introduce the Board to the Columbia Century Challenge bike ride. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year and it keeps getting bigger and better. She is here looking for support from the Board on this event and gave the Board some written information to review. The money raised from this event goes towards improvements and upkeep to bike trails. They are also planning to install bike repair stations with attached tools for bike repairs along various trails.

***Chris Niefert, Sheriff's Office,*** came before the Board to present the Sheriff's report. For 3.4.19 thru 3.10.19, the Clatskanie PD received 65 calls for service and the County received 299 calls for service, with 14 arrests.

***Sarah Miller, Columbia Health Services,*** came before the Board to present a general update on their clinics and school based health centers. They have been in the process of recertifying their four school based health centers, i.e. Rainier, Clatskanie, Sacagawea and Spencer. She is happy to report that all health centers have been recertified for 2019-2021.

## **HEARING – PROPOSAL TO INCREASE VEHICLE IMPOUND FEES:**

This is the time set for the public hearing to consider a proposal from the Sheriff's Office to increase vehicle impound fees. Oregon Law allows the Sheriff to collect fees to cover the costs of impounding vehicles involved in a crime or are a safety hazard. The fee is currently \$50, which is not covering their administrative cost. They are requesting it be increased to \$100.00.

Chris Neifert, Sheriff's Office, presented the staff report, explaining the process involved, which can be a lengthy process and involves a lot of staff time. Vehicles can be impounded for various reasons, i.e. criminal investigation, removal as a traffic hazard, etc. Chris listed the many steps taken in this process and that the \$50 is not covering those costs. The Sheriff is requesting the fee be increased to \$100.00

There hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After some brief comments, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order 6-2019, "In the Matter of Amending the County Fee Schedule for Vehicle Impoundment". The motion carried unanimously.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-4 – SCOTT WINEGAR ZONE CHANGE:**

This is the time set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 2019-4, "In the Matter of Application No. PA 18-01 and ZC 18-02 by Scott Winegar for Warren Community Fellowship to Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map of 7.4 Acres to Relocate the Columbia County Christian School". With no objections, Robin gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-4, by title only. With that, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-4, "In the Matter of Application No. PA 18-01 and ZC 18-02 by Scott Winegar for Warren Community Fellowship to Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map of 7.4 Acres to Relocate the Columbia County Christian School". The motion carried unanimously.

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT TO MTR FOR TRANSIT SERVICES:**

Todd Wood, Transit Director, and LaVena Sullivan, Procurement Specialist, came before the Board to report that only 1 proposal was received as a result of the RFP for transit services. The proposal meets all of the requirements and it is in the best interest of the county to approve. Robin noted that this is only the notice of intent to start negotiations. The contract will come before the Board at a later date. With that, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to award the contract to MTR for Transit Services. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item (K) was pulled for discussion. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 03.11.19.
- B. Approve Personnel Action for Wendy Dutenhoeffer.
- C. Approve Letter to Wendy Dutenhoeffer.
- D. Appoint Joe Skariah for a 2 year term, Gabriel Johnson for a 2 year term, and Ann Berg for a 1 year term, to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee.
- E. 2019 Liquor License Renewal for Rosebud Café, Goble Tavern, Alston Pub, Scappoose Creek Inn, and Mark's on the Channel.
- F. Appoint Todd Dugdale – At Large position, Adam Hahn – At Large Position and Nick Ries, Industry Alternate to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, terms to expire 12.31.2021.
- G. Reappoint Greg Johnson, Industry Representative, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, term to expire 12.31.2021.

## **AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- H. C22-2019 - Public Procurement Contract with Town and Country Fence Co. of Oregon.
- I. C27-2019 - Letter of Agreement for Regional Health Needs Assessment and Regional Health Improvement Plan and authorize Chair to sign.
- J. C28-2019 - Memorandum of Agreement with Rainier School District for Emergency Point of Dispensing and authorize Chair to sign.
- K. C29-2019 – Special Public Works Fund Contract for Rainier Flood Damage Reduction System. ***(Pulled for Discussion – see below)***
- L. C30-2019, Rental Agreement with Angela Rockwood for Mobile Home at Hudson Parcher County Park.
- M. C31-2019, Rental Agreement with Annabelle Marcantonio and Chase Winnestorfer for Mobile Home at Big Eddy County Park.

- N. C36-2018, Memorandum of Agreement with Clatskanie School District for Emergency Point of Dispensing and authorize Chair to sign.
- O. C37-2019, Contract with New Legends, LLC, for the Strategic Plan.
- P. C42-2019, Memorandum of Agreement with Scappoose School District for Emergency Point of Dispensing and authorize Chair to sign.
- Q. C97-2018-1 - Amendment to the Personal Service Contract between Columbia County and Benjamin Brink.
- R. C63-2018-7, Amendment No. 7 to Oregon Health Authority Agreement No. 154105 for Financing of Public Health Services and authorize Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**C38-2019 - INDEMNITY AGREEMENT/PERMIT FOR ORRC VERNONIA RUN:**

Mike Russell and Cherie Moylan, Road Department, came before the Board to request approval of the Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement for the 2019 ORCC Vernonia Run. Cherie gave a brief staff report. All required documents have been received and approved by County Counsel.

With that, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the Indemnity Agreement for the ORRC Vernonia Run. The motion carried unanimously.

Additionally, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Public Road Event Permit for the ORRC Vernonia Run. The motion carried unanimously.

**(K) C29-2019 – SPWF CONTRACT FOR RAINIER FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION:**

Tiffany Johnson addressed the Board regarding this contract. She wanted to provide the Board with a status update and noted that no action is needed at this time. Business Oregon previously awarded the County the Special Public Works Fund grant but the county has not signed that grant agreement as of yet to receive the grant dollars. The Board was previously advised not to sign the agreement until it was determined that the Rainier Diking District had the matching funds. The Board had tentatively approved to commit \$10,000 to the \$295,000 contract. The grant from Business Oregon is \$100,000, which leaves \$185,000 for the diking district to come up with. Because the county would be signing the contract with Business Oregon, we need to insure that the diking district would be able to come up with the remaining funds secured. Tiffany and Karen Schminke will be contacting the diking district to verify they have those funds and, if so, Tiffany will draft an IGA to detail the grant administration procedures and responsibilities. As of her last contact with the diking district, there was still a shortfall of approximately \$40,000. That said, Tiffany is not recommending that the Board sign this agreement at this time.

### **COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder pointed out that it's National Woman's History month. This is a time to remember those woman around the world and in your life that have been important to you.

She continues to work with the City of Rainier and all agencies involved on a fix for the flooding of Fox Creek that happens almost annually.

She attended the JOCAC meeting last night. They are still looking for members on that committee so if anyone is interested, they can pull the interest form off of the county website and submit it to the Board office.

### **COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

The full Board was in Washington, DC last week to attend the NACo Legislative Conference. One of the sessions he attended was on Telecom and Telecommunications. It was looking at how to bring broadband and 5G networks to rural communities. If a person has a smart phone, there is an App called TESTIT. You can download it and when you're in an area, hit the app so it sends a signal back to NACo, who is collecting all of the data, to determine if we really do have the coverage that the providers are saying we have or not. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could do this because it is to our benefit to have accurate information for our county.

While in DC, he had the opportunity to attend the African American history museum. It was very enlightening and impacting. He highly recommends anyone that goes to DC 3to visit that museum.

He reminded all that tonight will be the bi-monthly town hall meeting on health care in Columbia County. It starts at 6:30 pm at the Columbia Learning Center.

Smile at someone new today.

### **COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to share that Marcia Rush, a retired deputy, has passed away. Marcia was a dedicated public servant in Columbia County for many years. Our thoughts are with her family.

Ron Puzey has also passed away. Ron was a Clatskanie City councilman, Kiwanis member, etc. Ron was a good friend and always had a smile.

The 2020 Census is coming up next year. A lot of people don't understand the census or what the information collected means for us. Everything that comes from the federal government to local government, whether it be in the form of housing assistance, the food stamp program, senior and disabled services, and much, much more, are all census number dependent. This is the first year that the census can be done electronically, however, if you don't complete it online, your will receive a letter, then a

phone call and then there will be census takers coming to your home. They will also be collecting information from the homeless community because again, every number counts.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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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