

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 5, 2019

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Tiffany Johnson, 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 May 29, 2019 Board meeting and May 29, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

None.

SCAPPOOSE BAY WSC UPDATE:

Pat Welle, Coordinator of the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, came before the Board along with Lonny Welter to present their annual report on the WSC's projects, education, etc. They are in multiple phases of their 2016-2021 projects. She addressed how all of these projects are funded, i.e. grants through Bonneville Power, OWEB, cities of Scappoose and St. Helens and what those dollars pay for. Their Strategic Action Plan has been completed which defines their projects.

INITIATE THE FORMATION OF THE CC RIDER TRANSIT SERVICE DISTRICT:

Todd Wood, Transit Director, came before the Board to address the draft Order No. 33-2019, "In the Matter of Initiating the Formation of the Columbia County Rider Transit Service District". Last Wednesday marked his 1 year anniversary at CC Rider. Funding issues have continually been an issue with the transit program. Todd then gave a very detailed presentation on the need for a transit service district for their financial future.

Commissioner Tardif has been riding the bus frequently the past few months. In talking with the different riders, he is concerned that if this service was lost, these people would not be able to get to medical appointments, their jobs, school, or even to the store to buy food. The people who use this service, need this service.

Commissioner Magruder wanted to thank Todd for all of the information provided here today in support of transit.

Commissioner Heimuller noted that in 2003, COLCO dropped off the keys to their buses to the County Commissioners and said they were done with the transit business. Luckily, there was a Board of Commissioners at the time that knew there was a need for transit services in Columbia County and moved forward to develop CC Rider. He recently attended a PTAC meeting and received a lot of compliments on the great team Columbia County has running CC Rider.

After discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order No. 33-2019, "In the Matter of Initiating the Formation of the Columbia County Rider Transit Service District". The motion carried unanimously.

The next step will be a public hearing on July 10th and August 7th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 6.3.19.
- B. Approve Personnel Action for Steve Pegram.
- C. Approve Personnel Actions for Cost of Living Adjustment.
- D. Appoint Larry Boxman to the Ambulance Service Area Committee for a three year term, term to expire 12.31.2021.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- E. C88-2019 - License and Maintenance Agreement with the City of St. Helens for an Art Installation on County Property ("Flagship Columbia County").
- F. C72-2019 - Approve Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 697 regarding Compensation Study.

The motion carried unanimously.

C87-2019 – CONTRACT WITH SSI SHREDDING SYSTEMS, INC:

Kathy Boutin-Pasterz was present to request approval of the contract with SSI Shredding Systems. Kathy reviewed the purpose of the contract and that it has gone through County Counsel for review. After discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve C87-2019 – Contract with SSI Shredding Systems, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT AT THE PORT WESTWARD PGE PLANT:

Matt Laird, Planning Manager, came before the Board along with Max Wood, Senior Policy Advisory for the Oregon Department of Energy, to discuss the request by PGE for an upcoming battery storage project at the Port Westward site. Max, ODE, gave a brief overview of the regulatory process involved with the project.

Jim Rail, PGE Project Manager, is working on the Port Westward project and presented a power-point for detailed information. HB2193 requires that PGE procure a minimum of 5 MWh and a maximum of 38.7 MW of energy storage. PGE did an evaluation and submitted those proposals. He presented some detail on the 5 proposed projects as mandated. He went over the project time line, pending the permitting schedule.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder reported on her trip to Warrenton to participate in a disaster exercise. She was allowed to ride the landing craft out to the ship which, in the case of a disaster, will provide necessary equipment to our communities. Pictures can be seen on the EOC Facebook page.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that tomorrow marks the 75th anniversary of the invasion in Normandy. To all those surviving servicemen and those who did not make it home – thank you for your service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property:

This Executive Session was carried over to the afternoon work session.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of June, 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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