

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

**June 19, 2019**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 June 12, 2019 Budget Hearing, June 12, 2019 Board meeting and June 12, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

None.

**HEARING – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO CLATSKANIE RFPD #5318:**

This is the time set for the public hearing, “In the Matter of Transferring Certain Real Property near Clatskanie, Oregon, to the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, Tax Map No. 3117-000-00400, Tax Account No. 5318”. Sarah stated that the County acquired this property under foreclosure for unpaid taxes. ORS 271.330 permits the County, whenever the public interest may be furthered, to transfer title to the property to another governmental body without cost, provided that the governmental body will use the property for not less than 20 years. The statute also requires a public hearing, which is the purpose of this hearing today. The Clatskanie RFPD is a rural fire protection district organized under ORS Chapter 478 and qualifies for such a conveyance.

Jacyn Normine, Board Office Specialist, came before the Board to give a staff report. This property was acquired by the County in 2014. The Clatskanie RFPD would like to use this property to build a new sub-station to provide services to the Clatskanie and surrounding areas. Staff is recommending this property be transferred to the Clatskanie RFPD.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations. Sarah reviewed the process. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the C84-2019 - Purchase and Sale Agreement In the Matter of Transferring Certain Real Property near Clatskanie, Oregon, to the Clatskanie Rural

Fire Protection District, Tax Map No. 3117-000-00400, Tax Account No. 5318. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER 48-2019: PROHIBITING PARKING PUBLIC/COUNTY ROADS:**

Mike Russell and Lonny Welter, Road Department, were present to address the concerns of neighbors along Dike Road with people parking/camping along the right-of-way. The Sheriff has been out there, but there is nothing they can do unless there are No Parking signs installed. Because the County does not have a No Parking Ordinance, the parking that is currently taking place is not against the law. To address this situation, staff is recommending the Board approve the no parking signs along Dike Road. Signs are already being made and they would like to get them posted this week.

This Order only addresses the east side of Dike Road from Johnson Landing to Columbia Avenue. Commissioner Heimuller asked about the parking at Chapman Landing by Means Nursery. Lonny stated that there is a parking area there and they don't want to post no parking, unless it becomes an issue. Commissioner Tardif asked why there isn't an order to cover all roads in Columbia County that may be an issue. Mike agrees that they need to be more proactive, rather than reactive and that there is section in the Order that should address all roads where needed.

After discussion and review, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Order No. 48-2019, "In the Matter of Prohibiting the Parking of Vehicles Along Certain Public or County Roads in Columbia County". Commissioner Tardif abstained. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Items (K) & (L) were pulled for corrections and held over. Item (M) was pulled because it was already approved. Commissioner Tardif pulled Items (N) & (O) for discussion. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 06.17.19.
- B. Approve Personnel Action and expectations letter for Louise Kallstrom.
- C. Appoint Trevor Schnieder to the Drainage Vector Control District Board to complete the term of Steve Simpier, term to expire 12.31.2021.
- D. Approve Letter of Purchasing Authority for Chief Deputy Ryan Murphy.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- E. C85-2019-Purchase and Sales Agreement by and between Hillcrest Investments, Limited Partnership, an Oregon limited partnership and Columbia County, 'In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, Tax Map Nos. 3N2W22-BD-06600 and 3N2W22-BD-06700 and Tax Account Nos. 6497 and 6498".

- F. C89-2019- Purchase and Sales Agreement by and between Timothy Rotter and Briana Rotter and Columbia County, “In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, Tax Map No. 4N2W35-BC-01000 and Tax Account No. 8381”.
- G. C92-2019-Purchase and Sales Agreement by and between Ryan M. Drake and Columbia County, “In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Yankton, Oregon, Tax Map No. 5N2W36-OO-00300 and Tax Account No. 17589”.
- H. C93-2019-Purchase and Sales Agreement by and between Caseman T. Thompson and Columbia County, “In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, Tax Map No. 4N2W16-CB-00700 and Tax Account No. 7616”.
- I. Order No. 35-2019 “ In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Glenn Murray II and Annalee Murray, Co-Trustees of the Murray Revocable Living Trust; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W27-DC-00600 and Tax Account No. 8207.
- J. Quitclaim Deed “ In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Glenn Murray II and Annalee Murray, Co-Trustees of the Murray Revocable Living Trust; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W27-DC-00600 and Tax Account No. 8207” and authorize the Chair to sign.
- K. Order No. 40-2019 “ In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Caseman T. Thompson; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W16-CB-00700 and Tax Account No. 7616”. **(Pulled and held over)**
- L. Quitclaim Deed “In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Caseman T. Thompson; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W16-CB-00700 and Tax Account No. 7616” and authorize the Chair to sign. **(Pulled and held over)**
- M. Approve Letter of Agreement with the Federation of Parole & Probation Officers. **(Pulled – approved 6.12.19 as C101-2019)**
- N. C104-2019, Agreement No. 33562 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit **(Pulled for discussion)**
- O. C105-2019, Agreement No. 33563 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- P. C106-2019, Agreement No. 159805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEMS (N) & (O) – GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH ODOT FOR TRANSIT:**

Commissioner Tardif expressed his concerns with these grant dollars being used to purchase buses for a system that is still struggling. Robin explained that these agreements, both C104 and C105, are for operating funds, not for the purchase of vehicles. With that clarification, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve C104-2019 – ODOT Grant Agreement #33562 and C105-2019 – ODOT Grant Agreement #33563. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PURCHASE OF LOADER/MOWER FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Tristan Wood and Terry Miller, Road Department, were present to request authorization to moving forward with the purchase of a frontend loader with a mower attachment. The mower at the Vernonia shop is failing and needs to be replaced. Tristan went over the vendor information. After some discussion, there was Board consensus for the Road Department to move forward with the purchase of the Loader/Mower equipment as presented.

### **GABLE ROAD UPDATE:**

While present, Tristan informed the Board that they will be reducing the speed on Gable Road during the construction period to 25 mph. Robin will be preparing an Order for Board approval next week.

### **COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif had a great time participating in the Kiwanis parade last Saturday.

### **COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder wanted to thank the St. Helens Elks Lodge for their great Flag Day ceremony they did last Friday.

She had a great time walking in the Kiwanis parade last Saturday.

The Planning Commission meeting was held last Monday. It was noted that they are looking for members for this committee. If interested in serving, please contact the Board office or go to our website for the committee interest form.

She wanted to recognize someone in the room. Doug Krahmer, Northwest Berries. He grows the best blueberries in the world. He grows them in Clatskanie on the Beaver Drainage District. Doug is the current Chairman of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, past Chairman of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Board, along with many other things he participates in. Doug approached the Board to say a few things. He is here today because he has been working with the Planning Department to add/make changes to some housing on their farm, but he is finding that it is complicated and expensive process. He is now almost where he can soon employ and house 7 full time employees at the farm in Clatskanie and 45 harvesters during the harvest time. He also has a farm north of Albany and will start that harvest next Monday.

Wanted to note that we have many loggers and truckers who are traveling to Salem today to protest the Cap and Trade legislation being proposed. If this passes, it will have a significant negative impact on Columbia County and all rural areas in Oregon.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned the 2 budget hearings last week, one in St. Helens and one in Rainier. After the Rainier hearing, there was a meet-and-greet with the Commissioners at El Tapatio's. He wanted to thank them for the great job they did hosting the get together.

He wanted to mention that "A" Street rail improvements in Rainier will finally start next week. He asks the public to be patient while this and all road improvements that are taking place throughout the summer season.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.co.columbia.or.us).

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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