

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 3, 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 Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Board meeting and June 26, 2019 Work Session. Commissioner Tardif abstained because he was not present for those meetings. The motion carried.

VISITORS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With one correction to Item (O), Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 07.01.19.
- B. Approve Letter of Purchasing Authority for Jacyn Normine, Board Office.
- C. Approve Letters of Authority for Tiffany Johnson, Deputy Ryan Murphy, Lisa Masog, Karen Schminke, Todd Moore, Deputy Jacob Dornan, Matt Laird and Jake Sperley.
- D. Order No. 22-2019, "In The Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose Oregon, to Patrick John Hart, Tax Map ID No. 3N2W12-DB-0220 and Tax Account No. 4067".
- E. Quitclaim Deed Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon to Patrick John Hart, Tax Map ID No. 3N2W12-DB-0220 and Tax Account No. 4067 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- F. Order No. 41-2019, " In the Matter of Adopting Findings of Feasibility for Use of the County's Personnel and Resources to Provide Columbia County Jail Food Services- ORS 279B.036".
- G. Order No. 43-2019, "In The Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Clatskanie, Oregon, to Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, Tax Map ID No. 7N3W16-BO-01500 and Tax Account No. 20793".

- H. Quitclaim Deed Conveying Certain Real Property in Clatskanie, Oregon, to Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, Tax Map ID No. 7N3W16-BO-01500 and Tax Account No. 20793 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- I. Order No. 53-2019, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Vernonia, Oregon, to James B. Morrison, Jr., Tax Map ID No. 4N4W03-BB-06900 and Tax Account No. 439665".
- J. Quitclaim Deed Conveying Certain Real Property in Vernonia, Oregon, to James B. Morrison, Jr., Tax Map ID No. 4N4W03-BB-06900 and Tax Account No. 439665 and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- K. C86-2019 - Earnest Money Agreement by and between James B. Morrison, Jr., and Columbia County for Tax Map ID No. 4N4W03-BB-06900 and Tax Account No. 493665.
- L. C97-2019- Purchase and Sales Agreement by and Between Jorge Ramirez Palacios and Columbia County for Tax Map ID No. 7N4W08-DB-01601 and Tax Account No. 25749.
- M. C102-2019 - Purchase and Sales Agreement by and Between Loren and Desenia Goodwin and Columbia County for Tax Map ID No. 4N2W20-00-00800 and Tax Account No. 8569.
- N. Ratify C113-2019 – ODOT Agreement #33414 for Public Transit.
- O. Ratify C114-2019 – ODOT Agreement #33472 (5311) for Public Transit.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif enjoyed his vacation with the family in Klamath County. As he was driving back through the national forest, he was surprised to see all the dried, dead wood along the forest floor. That's just a fire waiting to happen.

To all have a happy and safe 4th of July! Please use common sense and be careful when shooting off fireworks.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder recently attended an Aglink meeting in The Dalles. Aglink is an advocacy group for natural resource industries, especially agriculture in Oregon. While there, they got to tour the cherry processing facility. She was very impressed with the care they take to make sure only the good cherries go to market.

The Commissioners will be participating in the 4th of July parade in Clatskanie Clatskanie tomorrow. Come visit

Also, Saturday, July 13th is Rainier Days parade.

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COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller went to the Fair Board workshop Monday night. They have done a great job preparing the grounds for the upcoming Fair, which starts on July 17th. Anyone who wants to volunteer, there are still some openings in the plant sale area. If interested, contact the Fairgrounds.

Rosemary Lohrke, Mollenhour Road, Scappoose: She just wanted to ask about passing out information about the Fair and how someone could make an entry to the Fair. She asked the Board if this information can be available at the Courthouse. The Board agreed that information should be made available at the courthouse.

There will be 4th of July events in Rainier, Clatskanie and St. Helens.

He attended the Traffic Safety meeting this morning. There was a lot of discussion on the closure of Cornelius Pass, starting July 15, 2019. So plan your trip. Also, he can't say enough about how important it is to pay attention when going through work zones.

HEARING: ALLEGED LIVESTOCK KILL BY DOG OWNED BY ANNA LOPEZ:

Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel, briefly explained the decision(s) that will need to be made by the Board after this hearing is closed. One is to determine the fine and the other to decide if the dog needs to be relocated or euthanized.

Roger Kadell, Dog Control Officer, came before the Board to give the staff report. He stated that this is a pretty clear cut case. He would recommend that the dog be relocated and the fine be the minimum. The dog shows no aggression towards humans, but the trail cam clearly shows he did kill the chickens. Ms. Lopez has a place out of state to relocate the dog.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Anna Lopez explained that on this particular day her boyfriend let the dog off his chain. She takes full responsibility but does not feel the dog needs to be put down.

Cassandra Cavanaugh and John Butts, 21 Sunrise Drive, Massachusetts: Cassandra has a dog that was fathered by the dog in question (Bolt). They are willing to take Bolt home to Massachusetts. John stated that his mother works on the army base in Massachusetts and actually trains service dogs. He would hope Bolt could become a part of that. John will make sure that Bolt will be contained.

Commissioner Heimuller reviewed the report and saw that a neighbor shot two of her dogs because they were harassing horses, goats, chickens over the years. Ms. Lopez confirmed that did happen.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations.

Commissioner Magruder has dealt with dogs chasing her livestock over the years and doesn't have any sympathy for dogs that kill and cannot support Bolt being relocated.

Commissioner Tardif is in favor of relocating the dog.

Commissioner Heimuller feels that, in this situation, it appears to be an owner problem, not a dog problem. He would support Bolt to be relocated, only with the maximum fine being imposed.

With that, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to allow the dog (Bolt) to be relocated, with Cassandra Cavanaugh and John Butts, with clear stipulations on what their responsibilities are and impose the maximum fine of \$1,000 to Anna Lopez. Commissioner Magruder opposed. The motion carried.

Tiffany will prepare the Order for action at the 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 3rd day of July, 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.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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