

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 7, 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 Jacyn Normine, 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 July 31, 2019 Board meeting and July 31, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING:

A Public Hearing on Transit District Order No. 62-2019 "In the Matter of Calling an Election on the Question of Formation of a New Columbia County Rider Transit Service District" will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Board of Commissioners Public Meeting Room 310.

VISITORS:

Matt Brown, City of St. Helens, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens: Matt is here today to discuss the option of placing an EV charger around Columbia County Court House and the City of St. Helens. The EV charger will take two parking spaces, however the EV charger will be placed free of charge to the County and City.

Commissioner Heimuller, Commissioner Magruder, Commissioner Tardif and Matt Brown will take a walking field trip after this morning's meeting to further discuss the best options.

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item B was pulled for discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 08.05.19.
- B. Approve Personnel Action for Jacyn Normine-Pulled for discussion
- C. Order No. 44-2019 In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Vernonia, Oregon, to Zephanian Emmons and Lindsay Emmons, Tax Map ID No. 4N4W04-BD-08200 and Tax Account No. 22976

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- D. C119-2019, Public Procurement Contract with Peterson CAT for a Caterpillar Loader/Mower
- E. C120-2019-Amentment No.1 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 11088 with the Oregon Department of Education, Youth Development Division and Authorize the Chair to sign
- F. Quitclaim Deed to Zephanian and Lindsay Emmons, Tax Map ID No. 4N4W04-BD-08200 and Tax Account No. 22976, authorize the Chair to sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item B "Approve Personnel Action for Jacyn Normine" was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Tardif. Commissioner Tardif abstained, he wants to look at a new structure and job descriptions. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve item B as read, Commissioner Heimuller seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660(2)(f)

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

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

District Attorney, Jeff Auxier, Director of Mental Health, Julia Jackson and Commissioner Tardif toured Respite Crisis Centers over a 900 mile tour down to Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and John Day. These facilities are a continuum of care from the time of crisis through stabilization and long term living. These Centers are for people that may be experiencing suicide, deprecation or other obstacles to overcome mental health and behavioral health. Respite Crisis Centers are mostly funded through OHA. When touring these other counties it really highlighted the difference between counties and the different needs amongst our State, it really pointed out what Columbia County is lacking.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Last night was the Sheriff's Night Out, with the opportunity to dunk the Sheriff, Chief Deputy Murphy, Captain McDowell and Captain Weaver. It was a well-attended community event. Lots of young people and interaction with our Law Enforcement.

We had a wonderful time at the Vernonia Jamboree last weekened. Commissioner Heimuller drove the tractor float for the My Fair Lady Court, Commissioner Tardif and herself walked for the County Board of Commissioners with parade car Clara.

The Port had an open house for the proposed Next Renewable Project, well attended and great questions and interaction from everyone that attended.

Black Tie and Blue Jeans was Saturday evening at the Deer Island Stock Ranch where over \$170,000.00 was raised for Chance to Become Program. Patty who was in attendance at the event, works with our Sheriff's department and has received a scholarship from The Chance to Become Program. It is great seeing our youth going off and getting an education and then return to Columbia County.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

The Chance to Become Program Scholarship funds all of Columbia County, this scholarship is designed for students that are maybe not at the top of an academic list and can only be nominated by a teacher who sees potential in a student that might otherwise not be able to get the extended education. Thank you folks of Columbia County in helping these young people have a chance of having a career. Very proud of all of these folks that keep this program alive. If we did not have programs like this there is a whole population of kids that would come out of school and be thrown to the wind. I hope that we can keep these programs going forever.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was recessed to join Matt Brown for a walking tour to discuss placement of an EV Charging Station.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 07th day of August, 2019.

NOTE: Audio and video of this meeting are 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

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator