

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 28, 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 August 14, 2019 Board meeting and August 14, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Earl Scott- 18873 Mallory Park Rd. Here today to talk about vacating a 150 ft. of road near Beaver Dike Rd. in Clatskanie, OR. Application has been submitted to Lonny Welter at Public Works but, the process does not seem to be moving forward.

MATTERS:

Ex Parte Contact Disclosure and Deliberations-“In the Matter of Appeals of Administrative Decisions by Land Development Services Director for Building Permit No. 92-19-000377-MD and Residential Electrical Permit No. 192-00602-ELEC for Space 10 of the Deer Pointe Meadows Mobile Home Park”.

Tiffany Johnson gave briefing of the Deer Pointe Hearing today. We are here today to hear Ex Parte Contact and Deliberations.

Commissioner Tardif had an exparte when he was discussing septic systems and the Deer Pointe Meadows Mobile Home Park was brought into the conversation.

Commissioner Magruder had an exparte when she spoke to Chief Sharek Clatskanie Fire Protective District, Chief Sharek submitted a letter for the record that covers the body of their conversation.

Commissioner Heimuller had an ex parte with Senator Johnson when she told Commissioner Heimuller about the conversation with DEQ and issues with Deer Pointe Meadows.

Nobody came forward with questions or concerns about the ex parte contacts disclosures.

The record is closed that pertains to the Ex Parte.

DELIBERATIONS:

Commissioner Magruder thinks that space 10 needs to be considered as a whole with the mobile home park, and not as an individual space.

Commissioner Tardif, agrees that space 10 at Deer Point Mobile Home Park should be allowed the Residential Electrical Permit and Building Permit

Commissioner Heimuller supports allowing the electrical and building permits for space 10, Deer Point Meadows Mobile Home Park.

Commissioner Tardif moved for tentative approval for the Residential Building Permit No. 92-19-000377-MD for space 10 at Deer Point Meadows Mobile Home Park
Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tardif moved for tentative approval for the Residential Electrical Permit No. 192-010602-ELEC for space 10 at Deer Point Meadows Mobile Home Park.
Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item C was pulled for discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: Items A,B,D and Items E.- I. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ratify the Select to pay for 08.19.19 and 08.26.19
- B. Approve Letter of Authority for Erik Forsell, Land Use Compliance Specialist
- C. Authorize the Finance Director to fill the vacant Accountant I/Accountant II position (PULLED for Discussion)
- D. Resolution No. 68-2019, In the Matter of Appointing Teri Powers as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- E. C125-2019, Amendment 1 to Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement No. 156296-1 for Environmental Health Services and authorize Chair to sign
- F. Rescind the Reappointment of Nina Reed and Christy Settle as members to the Northwest Housing Authority of Columbia County with their term to expire December 31, 2021
- G. Approve the Reappointment of Nina Reed and Christy Settle as members to the Columbia County Housing Authority Board effective January 1, 2018 with their term to expire December 31, 2021 and authorize the Chair to sign
- H. Rescind the Reappointment of Peggy Howell, Boyd Ruby, and Mary Jo Simpson as members to the Northwest Housing Authority of Columbia County with their term to expire December 31, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign
- I. Approve the Reappointment of Peggy Howell, Boyd Ruby, and Mary Jo Simpson as members to the Columbia County Housing Authority Board effective January

1, 2018 with their term to expire December 31, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Items C was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Tardif would like to look at structure and job descriptions before approving any positions being filled. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Item C as read. The motion carried.

Alison Hart and Amanda Lowthian - Here today to give back ground of the Columbia County Tourism Initiative. They presented a power point that included tourism statistics and the benefits that tourism would bring to Columbia County. Alison and Amanda, on behalf of the Columbia County Economic Team, have asked the County to donate \$10,000.00 for the tourism initiative. Commissioner Tardif moved to donate \$10,000.00 to The Columbia County Economic Team, Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Magruder would like to see more information regarding what part the County already plays in the tourism initiative and what other partners of the community are doing in support. The motion died due to lack of second.

District Attorney Jeff Auxier, Here today seeking a letter of support for the application of the Justice Reinvestment Act Renewal. Columbia County was awarded this Grant in 2017 this covers three positions, Deputy District Attorney Position 1, Probation Officer and a Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to support the letter of support for the Justice Reinvestment Grant Application as described by the District Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Attended the Coastal Caucus Economic Summit in Florence, Oregon along with Commissioner Magruder. The most exciting conversation that he was involved in was about Broadband and the need to bring Broadband to rural Oregon. This opens Columbia County to great opportunities and economic advancements, knowing that these conversations are happening and knowing that there are public and private partnerships and funding out there is significant.

Remember to smile at someone new today. It's our job to treat people with kindness and respect.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Last weekend was the Portland to Coast Relay, The Columbia County team van's 1 and 2 were very successful. We got to the end, but speaking of Broadband, those of us who participated know that between the Columbia County Fair Grounds and Seaside, Oregon there is a lot of territory that has no cell phone coverage, a lot of lonely steps were taken. Thank you for all that participated. The Coastal Caucus was great and informative, a lot of conversations about infrastructure and Cap and Trade were also had. In addition some of the best seafood you could ask for.

The New Keller Williams Building just opened at 50 Plaza Square. Jennifer Pugsley and Jan Garcia and group have done a wonderful job restoring it to the period, so even if you don't have any real estate transactions to take care of you should still stop in and see what they have done. It is a real asset to the community.

Labor Day weekend is coming up, fire conditions are high. Please be careful while out enjoying all the amenities of Columbia County and elsewhere. Have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Had the opportunity spend a few days in Harney County for the Masonic Event. Traveled with Greg Hinkelman, City Manager of Clatskanie. Had a great time.

Please take caution with the heat reaching up to 100 degrees today. Please stay hydrated, check on the elderly and those that may not have air conditioning. Take care.

Congratulations to the Garcia Team, they had a great opening. They are very committed to recreating the history of Downtown St. Helens.

Shout out to the Hamilton Family, Bunty Hamilton passed away a few weeks ago. Bunty was a great person, a bunch of good folks in that family happy to call them friends. Bunty was the face of Jordon Motor Company for many years. She was a community leader. Hate to see her go.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of August, 2019.

NOTE: Audio and video of this meeting is available on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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