

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 18, 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 September 11, 2019 Board meeting and September 11, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

None

MATTERS:

Today is the Annual Columbia County Appreciation Lunch at the Columbia County Fair Grounds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Items B & G have been pulled for discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 09.16.19
- B. Authorize the District Attorney to fill the vacant position of Department Secretary(Pulled for discussion)
- C. Approve the corrected appointment letters of Greg Lines, David Brown, and Alan Johnston as members of the Columbia County Jail Operating Citizen Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Approve the corrected appointment letters of Jim Gibson and Mary Anne Anderson as members of the Columbia County Jail Operating Citizen Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2021 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- E. Approve the corrected appointment letter of Bob Brajcich as a member of the Columbia County Jail Operating Citizen Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign.

- F. Approve the reappointment of Ingrid Chamberlain to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position 3 with a term to expire January 1, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- G. Authorize The Land Development Director to fill the Office Manager I Position.(Pulled for Discussion)

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- H. Order No. 71-2019, In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal or Sale Thereof [Public Health Dept. Vehicle]
- I. C83-2019 Second Amendment to Personal Services Contract by and Between Columbia County and Correct Care Solutions, Inc.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Items B & G were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Tardif would like to see a county organizational assessment before approving any further positions to be filled. Since January 2019, 13 positions have been filled, 16 positions still remain open for a total of 29 positions for this year. Commissioner Magruder asked Commissioner Tardif if both items B & G are in the budget this year. Commissioner Tardif confirmed that yes, both the Department Secretary for the District Attorney's Office and the Office Manager Position 1 for Land Development Services are in the FY 19/20 budget. Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize the District Attorney to fill the vacant position of Department Secretary and authorize the Land Development Director to fill the Office Manager Position 1 Position both which are budgeted positions. The motion carried 2-1.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Thank you all for those that attended the Sauerkraut Festival, it looks like we hit record breaking numbers. With packed streets and a lot of fun being had it reminds us the importance of a community and community events that bring us all together to talk to our neighbors and friends and just to revive that energy within the community.

Looking forward to the experience of attending The Amani Cruise this weekend we will be departing from St. Helens and traveling down the Columbia River on the Portland Spirit to bring awareness and raise funds for child abuse in our communities and everything that the Amani Center does for these children to make sure they are advocated for and safe.

Remember to treat people with compassion and kindness and try to understand where they are coming from, sometimes it is very difficult and challenging and we let emotions get the best of us. Kindness is key and can lift everyone up.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Eating her way through Columbia County this last weekend starting at the Warren Grange Breakfast, then at the Sauerkraut Festival serving sandwiches having a fabulous time. The line for the Scappoose sauerkraut beer sausage sandwich was a half mile long people waiting over a half an hour and we were sold out by 3 p.m. Finished up the day at the Columbia City Days, bought some books at the book sale and our Columbia County Emergency Management, Oregon Department Forestry and Traffic Safety folks were there sharing preparedness information with the folks, Lonny Welter said he talked with 93 people that day and was impressed that most of those people were already aware and preparing for potential disaster.

Yesterday we went to the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) annual breakfast. Vernonia Springs, Plymouth Pub, Debra Steele Hazen, ORPET, Lindsay Jones, Next Energy and Brandon Staehley, Engineer from Columbia River PUD were some of our Columbia County business & individuals were honored.

We are looking for members to join our Jail Operating Advisory Committee and the Columbia County Planning Commission. For an application to apply for one of these committees or another committee please visit our website at www.co.columbia.or.us.

Now we get to attend our Annual County Picnic, have a wonderful time and spend time with some great people.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

The Sauerkraut Festival had a hiatus a few years ago, but when I pulled into Scappoose cars were parked everywhere there was a place to park, backed up to the Scappoose Sand and Gravel. It was so nice to see that the hiatus did not take years to overcome. He and his family had a great time, and he was able to share with friends the history of how the Sauerkraut Festival began.

Many people may not know Marvel Brown, the office manager at the Senior Center, but Marvel had a stroke the other day and had brain surgery last night, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of September, 2019.

NOTE: Audio 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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Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator