

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 25, 2019

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Henry Heimuller was not present.

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

VISITORS:

Claire Catt, Executive Director of United Way- Thanked Columbia County Board of Commissioners for their generous donation to the Dolly Parton Library and your continued support in the United Way annual campaign.

Kathye Beck will be retiring after 26 years of service at United Way. They will be celebrating her and all of her work that she has done over the years on Nov. 14th 3:30 p.m. - 5:30p.m at the Merriweather Hall, please join us.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Magruder read the consent agenda in full. With no changes or additions, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 09.23.19
- B. Authorize Out-of-State Travel for Louise Kallstrom October 8, 2019 through October 10, 2019 to attend Caselle Training in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- C. Authorize Out-of-State Travel for Nancy Merlette October, 8 2019 through October 10, 2019 to attend Caselle Training in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- D. Approve the Appointment of Jamie Carr as a member to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position # 2 with a term to expire January 1, 2021 and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.
- E. Approve the Appointment of Samantha Dolyniuk Rosenlund as a member to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position #6 with a term to expire January 1, 2021 and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.

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AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- F. C130-2019, Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement for Use of Columbia County Facilities by City of St. Helens for Halloweentown Activities and authorize Chair to sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Tia Barnes, Chief Program Officer and Martin Rafferty CEO of Youth ERA are here today with a power point presentation on Youth Era Drop-in Centers. The Youth Drop-in Centers are for ages of 14-25. The Youth ERA works to empower young people and create breakthroughs with dedicated systems that serve them.

Startup cost will be a community effort, The Department of Education has committed to an annual grant of \$100,000.00 for 2 years. CPCCO has donated \$50,000.00 along with state grants. We are currently looking at a location on Columbia Way in St. Helens.

Liz Ring, Columbia County Juvenile Department spoke in support of the Youth Era Drop in center. The youth of Columbia County have identified a need of positive things to do in the community especially when they are coming out of treatment programs and returning to the same environments that they were taken out of. Having the youth being able to have positive pro-social supports and being able to identify some positive peer connections is a pretty big need in our community.

Stacy Vandergriff, Columbia County Juvenile Department spoke in support of the youth center Stacy talked about the witching hours for youth are from 3-6 p.m. when they are getting out of school, these are the youth drop in center hours which have been done on purpose, studies show these are the hardest hours for youth.

Amanda Normine, Vice Chair of St. Helens Economic Development Corporation and the President of Columbia County HUB, spoke in support of the youth drop in center. The Youth ERA Drop-In would be a great place to connect our youth with the workforce need that exist across the county, this would address two of the big gaps that the youth have identified which would be access to employment as well as mentors.

Judy Thompson, Serves as Nami Chairperson for the Columbia County National Alliance on Mental Illness. This is an awesome opportunity and the collaboration has never been greater for something like this to come into our community. The growth that is happening, bringing in a lot of families and youth to our communities is all going to poor in on us all at once. We need to be ahead of the game for our young people, this is just a great opportunity to see that happen.

Fully supporting the idea of the Youth ERA Drop-in, Commissioners Tardif and Commissioner Magruder invited Tia and Martin to return on October 16th 2019 to attend the afternoon work session when all three Commissioners will be in attendance. Tia will forward the Youth ERA Drop-in budget, along with their list of contacts in outlying communities for the Commissioners to review prior to the October 16th meeting.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Attended the Amani Cruise, a fundraiser to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect. The one thing that was amazing was watching 300 people load a boat off the docks in St. Helens, how wonderful would that be if St. Helens was thriving and we had boats pulling up and people getting off and touring our town. One thing he fully supports is tourism and to continue, to build out our local and small businesses in Columbia County.

The Out of the Darkness Walk was pretty amazing and how many people have been affected by suicide in our community. It reminded him that if we are not willing to talk about it we are not willing to be a solution of the problem and the stigma ends with us. We need to be more open and honest and be there for the individual that is really in need.

Remember to smile at someone new and give someone a hug. Have a great day and live the best life you can.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

The Amani Cruise was great! Over \$100,000.00 was earned that night, a big win towards awareness of child abuse and neglect in Columbia County.

Harvest Festival at the Caples House in Columbia City was on Sunday, the apple cider was just wonderful along with the peach pie and cinnamon ice cream. If you have not attended a Harvest Festival at the Caples House, put it on your calendar for next year.

She will be in Tillamook Thursday and Friday for Oregon & California Lands Meeting. On her way back she will be running into 9,000 tourist disembarking in Astoria off of several cruise ships. So, your vision of people disembarking here may not be too far off Commissioner Tardif.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25^h day of September, 2019.

NOTE: Audio/video of the meeting is also posted on our website at <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/board-of-commissioners-office-main/boc-meetings>

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____ Not Present _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator