

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

**October 2, 2019**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Robin McIntyre, Sr. 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 25, 2019 Board meeting and September 25, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

Ellyn Bell, Columbia County SAFE, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness has been taking place since 1981 in honor of those that have been injured or died from Domestic Violence.

A display for the Awareness of Domestic Violence Month has been set up on the third floor of the Court House. If you would like to be a volunteer working with SAFE, all of the information is available at this display.

Kilynn Baker, concerned for her brother who is an addict. He is on probation in Columbia County, and Columbia County does not keep him incarcerated with more than 15 probation violations. Concerned that Columbia County Probation and Parole is failing him, the family cannot get a return call from the Director or the Probation Officer. Kilynn is here to ask for the help of the commissioners and to make sure that the Probation Office is doing their job.

**PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2019 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

Commissioner Heimuller read the proclamation into the record. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to proclaim October, 2019 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed to step out to take a picture with the team from SAFE at 10:20 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

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## **HEARINGS:**

### **“State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Implementation – “Proposed Service Changes”**

Todd Wood, Transit Director presented the staff report. In 2017 the state adopted House Bill 2017 known as the State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). The purpose of the STIF program is to enhance and expand transportation options throughout the state of Oregon. A portion of the STIF has been allocated to public transit systems throughout the state including over \$400,000.00 allocated to the Columbia County Rider service area. On May 1, 2019, Columbia County submitted a plan, in accordance with the STIF rules, in order to utilize the available funds to expand and enhance transit for the residents of Columbia County.

The application proposed projects to increase service for Portland Medical rides, Dial-A-Rides, Flex Route, and Vernonia, as well as reduce fares for honored citizens and low-income residents. In addition to the STIF projects, the CC Rider also proposed to expand service in north Columbia County. We also asked for implementation of GPS for our buses. With services to begin October 7, 2019.

## **TESTIMONY:**

Ralph Culpepper, P.O Box 369, Scappoose, OR. The government wants to keep giving money, but no mention of how to get people onto these busses. There is less ridership, we maybe need to think a little better on a different situation perhaps Ubers or Lifts.

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Rd. Rainier OR. Todd Wood mentioned that the expanded trips would be protected at the beginning of the year. Don's concern is that these may protect the expanded services, but what about basic service routes that already exist?

Joe Turner 2920 6<sup>th</sup> St. Columbia City, OR. Previously at the August Transit meeting had asked if the bus is required by State Law? He left the August meeting believing that the bus was required by law, but Mr. Turner was assured by ODOT that the bus is not required by State Law.

With no further Testimony, the hearing was closed.

## **DELIBERATION:**

Commissioner Heimuller gave some more clarification on the State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) and where the funds come from and how these funds are going to be used for new services and why these funds cannot be used to help backfill the 25% cut projected for January 2020.

Commissioner Tardif asked Todd to clarify the payroll taxes that the working community see being deducted from their payroll. Todd explained that payroll taxes for transit, stay in the county that you work, not where you live. 70% of our working community travels outside of Columbia County.

Commissioner Magruder, asked Todd about the cuts that would take place in January. Todd explained how they plan on using the STIF funding to help cushion the proposed cuts. This plan would help protect North County and Vernonia.

Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Order No. 73-2019 In the Matter of Adopting Service Changes for Columbia County Rider Transportation to Implement Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Projects. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 09.30.19
- B. Approve the corrected appointment letters of Bill Eagle, Claudia Eagle, and Genell Grow as members to the Columbia County Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- C. Approve the corrected appointment letters of Charlotte Hart and Dena Chesney as members to the Columbia County Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Resolution 72-2019 In the Matter of Reallocation of Appropriations between Categories in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.
- E. Order No. 67-2019, In the Matter of an Appeal of the Administrative Decisions by the Land Development Services Director for Building Permit No. 192-19-000377-MD and Residential Electrical Permit No. 192-19-000602-ELEC for Space 10 of the Deer Pointe Meadows Mobile Home Park

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- F. C43-2018-2 Sixteenth Amendment to Public Services Contract by and Between Columbia County and Community Action Team, Inc.
- G. C106-2019-2, Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No 159805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize Chair to sign
- H. C132-2019, Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No. 33770 (STIF) for Transit GPS Online Tracking System
- I. C133-2019, Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No. 33818 (5311) for Transit Operations and Preventative Maintenance

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director and LaVena Sullivan, Contract & Procurement Specialist, asked the Board for approval to release the annual checks for County donations. \$5,000.00 CAT for AAA Seniors, \$1,000.00 to Columbia Pacific Food Bank, & \$500.00 to RSVP. Commissioner Tardif moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to release annual donation checks to CAT, Columbia Food Bank and RSVP. The motion carried unanimously.

Louise also discussed issuing a standing Board resolution to release these funds out of the Economic Development fund going forward when budgeted. The Board wants to look at the donations that are issued annually at making them more sustainable with each donation having a line item to clarify. When working on FY 2020-2021 budget they will look at a resolution at that time.

Brian Pixley, Columbia County Sheriff, brought two items before the Board for discussion and approval.

**The Deadly Physical Force Plan.** The use of deadly physical force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern both to the public and to the law enforcement community. The purpose of this plan is not to set the standards for the use of such force, or to be a substitute for agency policy regarding use of force, but rather to provide a framework for a consistent response to an officer's deadly physical force that treats the law enforcement officer fairly, and promotes public confidence in the criminal justice system. Sheriff Pixley will submit an updated version of The Deadly Physical Force Plan to County Counsel for a resolution to be drafted and placed on a consent agenda for approval.

### **Intergovernmental Agreement for Columbia County Major Crimes Team**

This agreement by and between the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon State Police, the City of Scappoose, the City of St. Helens, the City of Columbia City, the City of Rainier, the City of Clatskanie the City, of Vernonia, by and through their respective police departments, and Columbia County by and through its Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office, which are referred to hereinafter in the singular as "agency or party", and collectively as "agencies or parties";

The agency whose geographical jurisdiction the major crime or event falls within. In the event the major crime or incident occurs within the city limits of an incorporated city, the city police department will be the Agency of Primary Responsibility. In the event the major crime or incident occurs in an unincorporated portion of Columbia County, the County will be the APR. In the event the major crime or incident occurs along State highways, State parks or on State property, the State will be the Agency of Primary Responsibility.

The team will be available to respond and investigate the following major crimes/cases; Homicide, Deaths requiring criminal investigation, Serial Crimes (i.e., rape) Kidnap First Degree, Other high profile, complex cases, Conflict of interest cases, and Deadly force incidents.

Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the IGA by and between the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon State Police (the "State"), the City of Scappoose, the City of St. Helen, the City of Columbia City, the City of Rainier, the City of Clatskanie, the City of Vernonia, by and through their respective police departments, and Columbia County by and through its Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OTHER BUISNESS:**

With Commissioner Tardif and Commissioner Magruder ill along with staff that would be attending, we will be reducing or possibly cancelling our afternoon work session meeting.

Commissioner Heimuller updated the Board on a purchase order that was approved for Dump stoppers new truck back in May 2019. The truck that was to be purchased is not available, the new truck that is being looked at is between \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 less than the original approved. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the purchase of the new dump stoppers truck as presented and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Thursday and Friday last week she attended the Oregon and California meeting in Tillamook County. They toured a Stimson Lumber harvest project that is on a watershed in the Tillamook area. Stimson is collaborating with the water group and others to make sure this harvest project does not cause any damage to the water supply to the area.

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Souper Supper is October 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Rainier United Methodist Church, this supports Columbia County Meals on Wheels Program.

The Annual Salmon Festival is in Vernonia this weekend to celebrate the salmon returning.

### **COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Spending the last month traveling the State attending district meetings for all of the counties. It has been fascinating to hear what is important to the counties and how it correlate's with the same important things that Columbia County is struggling with. When we are looking at mental health and criminal justice it is not only an issue for Columbia County but an issue for almost every county in the state.

The Columbia Pacific Food Bank call for Capital was a great fundraiser that he was able to attend. The goal was to raise \$50,000.00 with the kick off campaign hoping to reach \$40, 00.00 to complete the renovations on the building that they bought. He has not heard final numbers, but thinks that they met or got close to their kickoff campaign goal.

Smile and wave at someone, let them know that you are thinking about them

Get your flu shot!!!

### **COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Hollweentown has started in St. Helens, Oregon becoming one of the #1 Halloween destinations in the country. This weekend kicks off Hollweentown Events the Hollweentown parade 6:00 p.m. The Fall Festival and hay rides this Saturday and

Sunday at St. Fredrick's Catholic Church. Put on your duds and come to St. Helens and become a Halloween perfecto.

Diane Dubach working for Community Action Team for many years, passed away suddenly this last Sunday. Diane was the property and project manager for the tune of 15 years. Her passing is very impactful not only to her friends and family but for The Community Action Team. Diane was part of a three legged stool, one of the members Casey Mitchel resigned several weeks ago to pursue other causes, and Bev Danner who has run the department for the last 30 plus years, is retiring December 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you know Diane Dubach's family or one of the members at CAT please remember that they are going through a very difficult time right now, give them a pat on the back and your sympathy. Thoughts and prayers to Diane's family and friends.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 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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