

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 12, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, and Commissioner Henry Heimuller. Commissioner Margaret Magruder was not present.

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Tardif and Commissioner Heimuller discussed Order No. 1-2020 “In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations and the Fee Schedule for Columbia County Forests, Parks, Beaches, Docks, and Other Recreational Facilities Subject to Ordinance No. 94-9” No action taken.

Commissioner Tardif reported on AOC Day in Salem that was held on Monday 02.10.2020. No action taken.

Commissioner Tardif and Commissioner Heimuller discussed the flooding in Umatilla County. Under the MORE agreement, Public Works employees will be leaving Columbia County on 02.13.2020 to assist in the flooding crisis. No action taken.

Commissioner Tardif and Commissioner Heimuller discussed the contribution ask from Kannikar Peterson during the morning public meeting, she asked if the County would donate an additional \$500.00 for the Public Forums on Homelessness in Rural Communities. This would bring the County’s total contribution to \$1,000.00 Commissioner Tardif and Commissioner Heimuller will be willing to support the ask but will request that Kannikar supply a list of City contributions before doing so. No action was taken.

Historical Properties:

Les Watters, Historical Museum Curator, updated the Board on the historical sites throughout Columbia County project. They will be adding maps to Museum’s website that will indicate where the historical sites are. Les will update the Board when they start working on the next phase of this project. No action was taken.

Contract with Clark Nuber:

Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director, Nancy Merlette, Finance Manager and Sarah Hanson, County Counsel brought contact number C24-2018 “Personal Services Contract for audit services by and between Columbia County and Clark Nuber, PS”. Louise would like to terminate the contract and put out a new RFP. After discussion the Board directed Louise to move forward with the new RFP and termination of contract C24-2018. No action was taken.

OR-OSHA inspection report:

This discussion item has been rescheduled to 02.26.2020

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2019 Recruitments and Workers Compensation Claims:

Jean Ripa, HR Director asked the Board if they had any questions or wished any discussion about the annual reports she had prepared for them regarding workers compensation claims and recruitments processed by HR. The Board had none. No action taken.

Executive Session:

The Board recessed from the regular scheduled meeting to go into executive session under 192.660(2)(d) bargaining. Upon coming out of executive session no action was taken.

BOCC-DH evaluation process:

Jean Ripa, HR Director briefly discussed the issue of the BOCC-DH evaluation process. She had provided the Board with a memo for their packet. She reminded the Commissioners that they had asked for some input on the process from the department heads at the February BOCC-DH meeting. The input was to continue with the current system for 2020 and to have further discussions about whether or not another process would work. Commissioner Tardif indicated his support for the concept, mentioned in the memo that the Board bring in an outside consultant to develop any new procedure, if they decided to make changes. Jean noted that Commissioner Magruder had indicated that she supported scheduling evaluations this year as in years past. Commissioners Heimuller and Tardif indicated their consensus to pursue this.

CZ Trail Right of Way:

Casey Garrett, General Services Director and Robin McIntyre Sr. Assistant County Counsel presented the BLM right of way application for CZ trail. The application will be placed on the next available consent agenda for approval.

Creation of Mechanic Position & MTR Rate Proposed Rate Increase:

Todd Wood, Transit Director, and John Dreeszen, Transit Coordinator, from Columbia County Rider presented the rate increases proposed by MTR western. The increase amounted to approximately \$13.89 per unit hour. This amount included the cost of the mechanic plus shop supplies. Todd re-iterated the desire of transit to bring the mechanic in house as this would lower the rate overall and would provide not only a cost effective model for maintenance, but allow for more control over maintenance activities. There was some discussion about the position of mechanic, including the desire for the county to move to a fleet management model.

Commissioner Heimuller moved to approve the creation of the position of Mechanic in the Transit Department and assign it to Local 1442 at represented salary range 24” and “To authorize Transit Director to fill the Mechanic position”. Commissioner Tardif seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The discussion then turned back to the MTR proposal. The commissioners unanimously rejected MTR’s proposal and directed Todd Wood to let them know and invite MTR to discuss their decision in person if they so choose.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____ Not present
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner