

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 19, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder. Also present was the Spotlight press, Anna Del Savio.

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Resolution No. 17-2020 In the Matter of Proclaiming Columbia County's opposition to Senate Bill 1530 and Act Relating to Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Memorandum Dated 02.19.2020 to the State of Oregon, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Supporting House Bill 4014-A6 Amendments, Rural Accessory Dwelling Units. The motion carried unanimously.

Union Presidents:

Jean Ripa, Gery Fiebich, Ken Border, Erin O'Connell, Dean McMann and Jeff Petersen were present.

Commissioner Heimuller welcomed the Union officers to the meeting. Erin O'Connell mentioned that they had read the letter from the Board outlining the parameters of these meetings and understood those. They appreciate the opportunity to have these discussions with the Board.

Commissioner Tardif noted that the Commissioners had some things to share but asked if the Unions had anything they wanted to bring up. Ken Border asked whether there was a definition of "chain of command". Commissioner Heimuller noted that it was a common term that referred to the supervisory structure in any department. Employees had supervisors and possibly department heads who would be considered part of the chain of command. Everyone seemed to understand that term. Jean Ripa said she could include a definition in the Personnel Rules if that would be helpful.

Commissioner Heimuller then updated the group on the activities of the 2020 Legislature. The group discussed the cap and trade bill, the bill regarding ADUs and other issues which affect counties. The group also discussed the huge amount of bills that are presented and how the Legislature is often unable to focus on those things that are truly important to local governments.

Commissioner Tardif then mentioned the Fiscal Sustainability Report and asked if everyone had a chance to read it. Many had. They appreciated seeing it. There was brief discussion about the planned funding priorities and the relative lack of funding to provide services which the community seemed to want. The issue is convincing the public that they need to pay for the services they demand. Commissioner Magruder noted the need for more tax generating industries in the county. Fiebich noted the concern expressed by

members of the Sheriff's Office after reading that they were the 5th lowest funded Sheriff's Office in the entire state. Erin O'Connell expressed her appreciation for Sheriff Pixley's email to County employees with FAQs about the Jail levy.

Erin then asked about the status of this year's budget. Commissioner Heimuller noted it was early yet but that the Board was hoping for a largely status quo year. No cuts but no significant adds either.

Ken Border asked what can be done to better recruit and retain people. Commissioner Heimuller talked about the many things done by the County over the years for its employees, even during furloughs. Jean Ripa noted that the County does not have a turnover problem except in Criminal Justice. The data shows a very different picture. Occasionally a department will have a short term issue but that usually corrects and stabilizes pretty quickly.

Enterprise Fleet Management:

LaVena Sullivan, Columbia County Procurement Specialist and Bailey French, Enterprise Account Manager reviewed the County's partnership with Enterprise and discussed the next steps of the program implementation. After discussion it was decided to draft a memo that would go out to Department Heads to make them aware that Enterprise would be contacting them to schedule a date and time to meet with them. Commissioner Heimuller asked that LaVena Sullivan, the Procurement Specialist, draft the memo for the Board to sign to expedite the process. No Action taken.

Executive Session:

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

BOCC Evaluation System:

This item was discussed at the 02.12.2020 work session.

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.

Community Health Nurse Supervisor in Public Health

Michael Paul, Public Health Director provided documents to the BOC as part of a request to create a new position and request to authorize Michael Paul to fill the position. Discussion followed regarding duties and funding for the position. Commissioner Magruder moved to create the position and Commissioner Heimuller seconded. Commissioner Tardif abstained. Commissioner Magruder moved to authorize Mike Paul to fill the open position and Commissioner Heimuller seconded. Commissioner Tardif abstained. Motions passed 2-1

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Health Equity Assessment

Michael Paul, Public Works Director described the process for completing a health equity assessment as part of the regional and local public health modernization grants. Michael Paul discussed the purpose of the health equity assessment and discussed the proposal for Clatsop County to use funding awarded to the region of Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook for program 51-02 to pay the Rede Group to complete the assessment by July 1, 2020. The assessment would be completed at no additional cost to Columbia County. Discussion followed. No action needed.

IGA with Oregon Health & Science University

Mike Paul, Public Health Director described a draft IGA with OHSU to complete a project to identify barriers to accessing reproductive health services in Columbia County. The deliverables would be used to complete the requirements for program element 46, which is a program funded under the Oregon Reproductive Health Equity Act. Discussion followed. The BOC agreed the sum of \$5,000 for OHSU to complete the project was modest. Discussion followed and the BOC directed Counsel to finalize the IGA and add it to a future consent agenda.

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