

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 26, 2020

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

Board Discussion:

- NW Work Force Investment Board is working with the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA) to bring Maritime Industry to the Oregon Coast and the Columbia River. OCZMA has a proposed grant of \$500,000.00 and need to raise an additional \$50,000.00 and are asking counties to contribute. Commissioner Heimuller will bring this back for further discussion after Commissioners Tardif and Commissioner Magruder have had time to review. No Action was taken.
- Authorize the District Attorney to fill a .48 FTE Victim Advocate position. Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the District Attorney to fill a .48 FTE Victim Advocate position. Commissioner Tardif Abstained. The motion carried.
- Commissioner Heimuller discussed providing training to the CC Rider Transit drivers to know the signs of riders that may be involved with Human Trafficking. Commissioner Heimuller will look further into this training.
- The City of Scappoose has requested a fee waiver for the Chapman Landing Land Use Applications. Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to deny the request made by the City of Scappoose to waive fees for the Land Use Application for Chapman Landing. The Motion carried unanimously.
- Jean Ripa mentioned that she understood the Board had approved a leave of absence without pay for Casey Garrett, effective immediately. Though Casey had requested unpaid leave, she noted that the County policy required employees to utilize all available and appropriate paid leave before being placed in unpaid leave. After discussion, the Board decided to follow this policy. Jean will notify Casey of this. When he has utilized all his appropriate paid leave, she will prepare the paperwork for the Board to approve an unpaid leave.

Columbia Health Service Contract:

Public Health Director Mike Paul and Assistant County Counsel Robin McIntyre presented proposed amendments to the public services contract with Columbia Health Services (CHS). The changes included: requiring documentation of services provided before the County issues payment; requiring rent of \$3,850 for the Gable Road building; and a de minimis 10% reduction to cover the County's indirect costs, which is consistent with the County's grant management policies. After some discussion, the Commissioners directed staff to revise the rent provision to require half the stated amount the first year, two-thirds the

amount the second year, and the full amount from year 3 onward. Staff will make the changes and forward the proposed amendment to CHS.

Planning Commission Applicant:

Andrea Grant, PO Box 60 Vernonia OR. met with the Board of Commissioners and Karen Schminke, Land Development Services Director to discuss becoming a member of the Columbia County Planning Commission. No Action taken.

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Steve Calhoun 60685 Flack Rd. Vernonia, OR. met with the Board of Commissioners and Karen Schminke, Land Development Services Director to discuss becoming a member of the Columbia County Planning Commission. No Action taken.

Jail Levy:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, discussed the upcoming Jail levy with the Board. She notified the Board that there was slight error in the question in the ballot title previously approved. Specifically, the statute requires that the question include reference to the fiscal year in which the levy will first be imposed. The current ballot title refers to the calendar year. Sarah provided the Board with a draft Amended Order No. 16-2020 "In the Matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Renewal of the Columbia County Jail Local Option Tax Levy for Four Years". The attached SEL 805 reflects the change to fiscal year 2021-2022. The Board reviewed the draft. Commissioner Tardif pointed out that the attached SEL 805 has the wrong caption, which should say "Renewal of Columbia County Jail Operating Levy". With that Commissioner Heimuller moved to approve Amended Order No. 16-2020 "In the matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Renewal of the Columbia County Jail Local Option Tax Levy for Four Years" with the referenced change to the caption. Commissioner Magruder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah then opened the discussion of the draft Explanatory Statement. The draft was provided in Board packets and copies were provided to the Board. Sarah pointed out that the 2017 Explanatory Statement included reference to the JOCAC Report. It is not likely that the JOCAC report will be finalized by the March deadline for filing the Explanatory Statement. Commissioner Magruder indicated she would contact the Chair of the JOCAC to determine if the Report can be finalized before the filing deadline. Sarah also indicated that upon review for impartiality she will be deleting the last sentence in the draft. The Board asked that detail from the Sheriff's presentation be included in the Explanatory Statement. Sarah will send a revised draft to Chief Deputy Murphy and to Commissioner Magruder for revisions and will put the matter on next week's agenda for additional discussion.

Finally, Sarah reminded the Board that Proposed Resolution No 10-2020 has not been approved. This resolution was requested by the Sheriff. Sarah indicated that it is not necessary to approve a general fund contribution by resolution and this was not done for the 2014 or 2017 elections. The Board indicated that since a resolution is not required there is no need to approve it. If the Sheriff or Chief Deputy see a specific need to have a resolution passed they will be asked to come to the Board to discuss it.

JOCAC Applicant:

Timothy Connell 52075 SE 9th St. Scappoose OR. met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss becoming a member of the Jail Operating Citizens Advisory Committee. No Action taken. Approval of appointment will be placed on the 3/11/2020 consent agenda.

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OR-OSHA Inspection Report:

This item has been pulled, the inspection report from OR-OSHA has not been received yet.

Transit Staffing:

Jean Ripa, HR Director discussed staffing for the CC Rider Transit Office ,Todd Wood reported that, since the Transit funding measure failed, funding for the three existing Transit staff was probably going to come into question. He had already had discussions with staff about the possibility of layoff. In addition, with the reduction of service provided, the work load also has and will continue to shrink. Therefore, he is recommending that the Board not fill his position by bringing in a new person but rather appoint John Dreeszen to the position. Todd noted that John has learned a lot in his limited time with Transit and that he was more than capable of handling the status quo situation that faced Transit going forward for the next couple years. Commissioner Heimuller added that he knew John had developed very good relations with the Transit community. Jean Ripa recommended that the Board consider appointing John Dreeszen as Interim Director for a period of 6-12 months and determine what to do after that time period had passed. She noted that the Board had no obligation to conduct a recruitment if they chose to not do so. Jean asked if the Board would like her to set up an interview at an upcoming work session with John. The Board directed her to do so. No Action taken.

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