

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 18, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Tardif called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Board meeting and March 11, 2020 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

None

HEARING:

None

MATTERS:

First and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-3, In the Matter of Establishing the Columbia County Medical Reserve Corps Unit. Sarah Hanson, County Counsel introduced Ordinance No. 2020-3. Sarah then read the first reading by title only Ordinance 2020-3 by title only "In the Matter of Establishing the Columbia County Medical Reserve Corps Unit". Followed by the second reading by title only "In the Matter of Establishing the Columbia County Medical Reserve Corps Unit". Commissioner Magruder moved Commissioner Heimuller seconded. The motion carried unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Tardif read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and Agreements/ Contracts / Amendments as follows. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ratify the select to pay for March 16, 2020
- B. Order No. 23-2020 In the Matter of Designating and Authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Justice to Make Sole-Source Determinations for Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant Program Personal Service Contracts
- C. Order No. 24-2020 In the Matter of Adopting the ECONorthwest 2020 Supplemental Report
- D. Approve Personnel Action for Casey Garrett
- E. Approve Personnel Action for John Dreeszen

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- F. C106-2019-5, Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 159805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize Chair to Sign
- G. C9-2020 Subaward Agreement by and between Columbia County and Amani Center for Child Abuse Assessment and Family Support Services Justice Reinvestment Grant Program
- H. C10-2020 Subaward Agreement by and between Columbia County and SAFE of Columbia County for Outreach and Advocacy for Survivors of Abuse Justice Reinvestment Grant Program
- I. C11-2020 Subaward Agreement by and between Columbia County and Columbia Community Mental Health for Jail Based Mental Health Services Department of Community Justice Program
- J. C21-2020, Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement and Authorize Chair to Sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Tristan Wood, Public Works Assistant Director presented the application for the 2020 Scappoose Middle School Earth Day Run. They are requesting a six month window based on when they will be able to hold the event. Commissioner Tardif would like a date certain when this event will take place. Commissioner Heimuller would also like a date certain especially with the Governors restrictions with group gatherings. The Board will honor the initial application, and this will be brought back for approval at a later date.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Mike Paul, Public Health Director gave an update on COVID-19.

In the State of Oregon we have 65 positive tests, 18 new cases yesterday, 2 deaths, 215 pending cases, as of today Public Health will no longer be reporting persons under monitoring the number is just too high, 15 counties in Oregon now have cases. Columbia County at this time still has no positive cases. We expect cases will double every 5-6 days, unless social distancing is successful.

Public Health is asking that the public refrain from posting information on social media. This causes additional panic. Public Health is also encouraging that for general information to please call 211. If you have need to call Columbia County Public Health please call 503-397-7247 this line is available 24/7. If you are showing symptoms of cough, pressure in the chest, fever, shortness of breath please call your health care provider to discuss if you need to come in for testing.

Social Distancing is very important this is how we are going to slow the spread. Please do your part at home and work.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISUSSION:

Crystal Reeves has received an email that states that we do have a positive case in Columbia County. Mike Paul explained that once a person is tested they are asked to self-quarantine. Crystal will forward the email that she received to Mike.

Crystal Reeves, State Courts Hearings will not be scheduled before May 1st at this time.

Order No. 27-2020 In the Matter of Adopting a Temporary Policy to limit Access to County Facilities in Response to Covid-19. This would limit public access to the County Facilities to by appointment only. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder second to approve Order No 27-2020 "In The Matter of Adopting a Temporary Policy to limit Access to County Facilities in Response to Covid-19". Commissioner Heimuller expressed that this is out of the normal, but we need to do what we can to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Commissioner Magruder also expressed that we need keep our public and our employees safe. Sarah Hanson, County Counsel read into the record the six points of Order No. 27-2020. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Thanked our general services maintenance staff for their increased sanitation of the court house and placing hand sanitizer stations throughout the building.

If any of our RSVP members are listening today, we miss you. If you need anything please give us a call

Columbia County is pretty lucky that we have a Georgia Pacific Mill and Cascade Mill here and we do not have to have our toilet paper shipped in.

If you order pizza from Fultano's you will receive a free roll of toilet paper

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Please understand the 24 hours a day due diligence our Public Health staff is working under the leadership of Mike Paul, Public Health Director. I appreciate all they are doing to keep our community safe. Please remember that we the public can do things to keep the pressure off of them like calling 211 and not posting on social media.

Support your local business. If you are in need of something call them, maybe they can arrange for you to get what you need.

Grocery stores and retail stores by the Governor' order are still open. Keep your elderly neighbor or family member in mind before you go to the store. Think about your grocery list for more than a day or two. Keep social activities limited and practice social distancing.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

A big thank you to Public Health and Emergency Management. We will get through this by supporting each other. He personally is doing everything that he can to keep our county and communities safe. Thank you all for doing your part.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of March, 2020.

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<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator