

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 03, 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 via telecommunication with County Staff and public.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the May 27, 2020 Board meeting and May 27, 2020 work session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 5 MINUTE LIMIT: Lori Baker, spoke of the systemic racism that is dividing our nation. Secondly, she addressed the County opening two of our parks for long term camping to the homeless during COVID-19 and how this has helped so many, and with opening the parks back to the public for nightly camping and how it is effecting our long term tenants. The Commissioners are grateful for Lori bringing these items to the table for discussion, and look forward to continuing these conversation.

Tammy Maygra and Don Campbell wanted to talk about the county working on Price Rd. outside of the county road jacket. Commissioner Tardif will follow up with Mike Russell, Public Works Director.

Tammy Maygra, asked if the Board could sign off on a letter stating that the county approved the gate over Lawrence Road.

Nancy Ward, 34326 Johnson Landings Road, wanted to echo and thank Lori Baker for her comments.

HEARING(S): None

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

- A. Approve letter of authority for David Carlberg, Land Use Compliance Specialist
- B. Order No. 48-2020, In the Matter of Amending Policies and Procedures for Compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- C. Order No. 51-2020, In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations for Columbia County Forests, Parks, Beaches, Docks, and Other Recreational Facilities to Comply with Oregon Health Authority Guidance Pertaining to Outdoor Recreation Facilities
- D. Approve letter of support regarding distribution of the CARES funds received by the state

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS: None

MATTERS: None

1. The afternoon work session scheduled for 1:00 today has been canceled.
2. The Courthouse will be closing 2:30 pm this afternoon.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:

Mike Paul, Public Health Director updated the results of COVID-19 globally. Oregon Health Authority reported 33 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19, bringing the state total to 4,335 with 2,178 recovered cases. COVID-19 has claimed three more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 157. Columbia County has had no new cases, leaving us with no active cases.

Columbia County submitted an application to the Governor's office requesting to open the county into Phase II. Mike explained what requirements need to be met for Phase II. We are waiting to hear from the Governor's office to see if Columbia County is approved.

Commissioner Heimuller asked if local businesses are having troubles finding guidelines for contact tracing as the public enter into their establishment and asked what they should be doing. Mike suggested that if local business wanted to, they could collect names and phone numbers, but they should not be collecting medical information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mike Paul, Public Health Director presented PE 01-05 and PE 01-06 COVID-19 funding and request for community based organization partners. After discussion, the Commissioners will review the documents that Mike has provided and track what other counties are doing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660 (2)(d) has been pulled until 06.10.2020

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

It is important for our voices to be heard, it is also important for us to recognize that we are in a middle of a pandemic that is growing. Graduates who are trying to figure out how to be a graduate in a pandemic, have fun in a way that you can be safe. We do not want our numbers to rise, here in Columbia County largely due to our citizens being prudent and thoughtful along with our Public Health and Emergency Management Departments along with our public health provider partners and with everyone working together our numbers have remained low.

Due to the tragic events that have recently taken place losing the life of George Floyd the message and the communication and the conversation must be heard. We must all have the ability to converse about our disappointments and our successes of life. However, folks please if you are going to gather and congregate and march be as safe as you can, wear your masks, do your best to remind each other to keep 6 feet apart.

Be as Columbia County Kind as you can be.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder wished all of the Graduates good wishes, and congratulations, be who you are, work hard, go out and do wonderful things for our communities and the world.

It will be difficult to practice social distancing if you are joining the march tonight, in order to keep our numbers down in Columbia County we need to continue to be vigilant and practice social distancing, and she hopes that it is a productive march.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif congratulated the Class of 2020 reminding them to stay Safe and Sober. If you go out to celebrate make smart choices, if you find yourself in a situation call a parent or a sober friend for a ride.

Applauded the protesters for standing up to systemic racism. He looks forward to marching today with the protesters that will take place today in St. Helens.

NOTE: Audio/video of the meeting is also posted on our website at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings>

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator