

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 17, 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 Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Julie Heuer, Treatment Court Coordinator came to the Board with concerns that they have not received funds from a supplemental budget that had been approved in May, 2020. She has supplied all the information that she has been asked to, without the funds being available it is hindering the operations of the Treatment Court. Commissioner Tardif will follow up with the Finance Director to determine why there is a delay in releasing the funds.

Don Campbell Price Rd, Deer Island, OR. Inquiry regarding LDS position for Code Enforcement and if this position has been filled. Jean Ripa, HR Director announced that the county does not have a Code Enforcement Officer, that position has been changed to Land Use Compliance Officer and the position has recently been filled.

Tammy Maygra, Canaan Rd. Deer Island, OR. Inquired about when the Courthouse was open for business. Commissioner Tardif announced that the Courthouse is open by appointment during regular business hours.

Claire Catt, 1st St. St. Helens, OR. has emailed the commissioners regarding mental health and Oregon Mental Health Authority. She has asked how long she should anticipate to have further discussion on this matter. Currently the county is waiting to hear from the State of Oregon on Oregon Mental Health Guidelines. Commissioner Tardif asked Claire Catt if we could revisit this conversation at the end of July. Claire agreed.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:

Mike Paul updated the results of COVID-19 with over 8.2 million worldwide and over 2.1 million in the US. Oregon has had a big uptick the last few days with 278 confirmed cases being reported on Tuesday being nearly 100 additional confirmed cases from the day before. The total deaths for the state has reached 182, and 6,098 confirmed cases. Columbia County has reached 22 cases and 0 deaths.

Mike went over the types of complaints that the Local Public Health are receiving. Most of these complaints are around businesses the Local Public Health licenses, such as restaurants and masks.

Mike went over the steps of protecting yourself from COVID-19 and how to determine if you or a family member should attend social gatherings.

DHS, OHA introduced COVID-19 testing plan for long-term care facilities. Implementation of the plan will occur in two phases. In the first phase, every facility will test all staff and offer testing to all residents.

HEARING:

None

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. Approve Personnel Action for Louise Kallstrom, and authorize the Chair to sign
- B. Order No. 53-2020 In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in St. Helens Oregon, to Cary Wacker and Wendy Wacker Tax Map ID No. 4N1W06-DA-03302 and Tax Account No. 12747
- C. Order No. 54-2020, In the Matter of Authorizing Kathleen McLaughlin to Construct a Gate in the Right-of-Way of Inglis Road
- D. Quitclaim Deed, In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in St. Helens, Oregon, to Cary Wacker and Wendy Wacker, Tax Map ID No. 4N1W06-DA-03302 and Tax Account No. 12747 and authorize the Chair to Sign

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- E. C20-2019-1, Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services for the Operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- F. C106-2019-8, Amendment No. 8 to the Oregon Health Authority 2019-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for Public Health Services and authorize Chair to sign
- G. C49-2020 Purchase and Sales Agreement for tax lot 12747 and Map ID No. 4N1W06-DA-03302 by and between Columbia County and Cary Wacker and Wendy Wacker
- H. C53-2020 Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Language Line Services, Inc.

MATTERS:

Ted Grove, Presiding Judge, Crystal Reeves, Court Administrator, and Jean Ripa, Human Resources Director were present to discuss the Columbia County Reopening Guidelines for County Offices. The purpose of these Guidelines is to provide overarching direction so that the County can protect its staff and the public from the risk of transmission of the virus by implementing actions consistent with guidance from local, state and federal health officials.

Suggestions to avoid gatherings in the lobbies are to remove the benches and anyone who arrives early for court to ask them to wait in their car or wait outside until it's time for their court appearance. Or possibly we can ask for their phone number and text them or call them when it's time to come in. After discussion Judge Grove and Crystal will further discuss procedures that the Courts could put into place and will return for further discussion one week from today. No action taken.

COLUMBIA HEALTH SERVICES DISCUSSION:

Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Council Mike Paul, Public Health Director and Sherrie Ford, Columbia Health Services attended via telecommunication to discuss the operations of the Columbia Health Services and Service

Agreement Contract for FY 20-21 which expires on June 30, 2020. Columbia County Health has requested that the contract read a flat fee of \$3,000.00 per month with monthly hours fluctuating, changing it from “not to exceed” to “flat fee.” Discussion was also held on monthly rent payments of \$925.00, and about maintenance and upkeep. Also, is CHS using all of the square footage of the building, and if not, is there space available to house some of our Public Health staff? If so, we could then talk about a different rental agreement if we were to use some of that square footage. CHS was also asking about subletting the extra space. CHS is asking that the FY 2020-2021 to waive the rent of \$925.00. After discussion, the commissioners agreed the language in the contract will read not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the year. Commissioner Tardif has concerns with the rent portion of the contract due to COVID-19. Commissioner Heimuller feels that the same discussion has been held year after year and it’s time that CHS starts paying their monthly rent. He is willing to agree to a 6 month waiver ending on Dec. 31, 2020. Commissioner Magruder could agree with a 6 month hiatus. Starting Jan. 1, 2020 rent will resume at \$925.00 monthly and July 1, 2021 will increase to \$1,925.00. All three Commissioners agree on a consensus to hold rent until December 31, 2020 with the expectations and stipulation that we meet as a joint Board to work through this rent issue and come to a resolution and if there is no resolution, come January 1, 2021 rent will be billed at \$925.00 and will then increase to \$1925.00 starting in July, 2021.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Thore Drake met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss becoming a member of the County Park Advisory Committee. After discussion, The Board welcomed Thore to the Parks Advisory Committee. Formal action will be placed on next weeks consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller announced that businesses will be available to buy PPE at cost starting this Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Businesses can visit the CCET website and download the form to place your order and pick up your supplies at the Columbia County Fair Grounds. In addition to CCET and ColPac working on this initially, we’ve had great partnership with the Columbia County Fair Board and the distribution of the drop in PPE Center is being manned by members of the Warren Grange. We hope this helps businesses in Columbia County.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder expressed that if you have anything that you would like to communicate with the Board, please take advantage of the opportunities. We held two Public Hearings this week, one in Clatskanie and one in St. Helens to hear input on the upcoming FY 20-21 budget. We had no public attend.

Today at 3:00 Joe Franell will be talking about Broadband in Columbia County. If you would like to attend to hear the discussion please be sure to call in / login.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

No comments

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17th day of June, 2020.

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

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

