

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 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 members of the 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 24, 2020 Board meeting and the June 24, 2020 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT

- Kimberly O’hanlon, 35485 Oak Wood Dr., St. Helens in favor of Resolution 66-2020.
- Patrick Birke, 254 S14th St., St. Helens in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Carol Sweet 52077 Rabinsky Rd., Scappoose in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Sabbath Mikelson 56879 Columbia River Hwy, Warren in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Claire Catt 445 S. 3rd St. Helens in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Elaine and David Nussbaum 54729 Reed Rd., Scappoose, OR in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Alta Lynch PO Box 369 Scappoose asked why we are not being informed on where in Columbia County confirmed cases of COVID-19 are located, or where the confirmed case was contracted.
- Shanna Kavanagh 175 S. First St. St. Helens in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Margaret Trenchard-Smith 29232 Huber Rd., Scappoose in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Amy McMullen 52087 SE Icenogle Loop, Scappoose in favor of Resolution 66-2020
- Emily Maranda 7 Oaks, Scappoose in favor of Resolution 66-2020

PUBLIC HEALTH/ COVID-19 UPDATE:

Mike Paul updated the results of COVID-19 with 3 million cases reported more than 130 thousand deaths in the US. New case increases across the states. In Oregon we are over 10,000 confirmed cases with 220 deaths. Deaths are continuing to go down even with the increase of confirmed continuing to increase. The deaths that we are seeing today are based on the case counts of two – six weeks ago when confirmed case counts were down. In Oregon 4% of people tested in the last week of June tested positive.

Columbia County currently has 44 cases confirmed, 15 of those cases are people in isolation and then an additional 50 plus people have identified to be in contact with one of the 15 in isolation.

Mike explained how contact tracing works, when someone should be isolating and for how long which is up to 14 days, the length will be determined on when a person was exposed and/or when symptom’s started.

Conversation was held on how someone could be tested if their doctor does not feel that it is necessary. A person should not be tested unless they are showing symptoms. If you were exposed yesterday and tested today without symptoms it may have a negative result. It is best to self-quarantine if you have been exposed and test when symptoms are showing.

A question from the public was how do we find out locations in the county where we have confirmed cases, or places that person may have visited so we could self-monitor where we might go. Following state guidelines this information is released if there has been a work place outbreak of 5 or more persons.

HEARING:

No Hearings to come before this Board.

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 Oregon Broadband letter of support dated 07.02.2020 and authorize M. Magruder to sign
- B Ratify C41-2020 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Columbia County and Oregon Health & Science University for Reproductive Health Needs Assessment and authorize Commissioner Margaret Magruder to sign
- C Approve the appointment of Thor Drake to the Parks Advisory Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2021 and authorize the Chair to sign
- D Approve Letter of Authority for Captain James Macfarlane
- E Transfer one Personal Day from FY20 to Vacation Leave for Mike Paul
- F Amended Resolution No. 43-2020 In the Matter of a Supplemental Budget to Reallocate Appropriations Between Budget Categories in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget (General Fund) (Amended to Correct Scrivener's Error in Exhibit B Account Numbers

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- G C109-2019-1 Amendment One to Personal Services Contract with Helion for Assessment and Taxation Software (ORCATS).
- H C143-2019-1 Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #5836 with the Oregon Department of Corrections for Community Corrections Funding and Authorize the Chair to Sign
- I C58-2020 Maintenance Assistance Program Agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board for Fiscal Year 2021 and authorize Chair to sign

MATTERS:

Nothing to come before this Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Kathleen Boutin-Pasterz, Solid Waste Program Coordinator, requested to add special handling fee for Boat/RV/Junk vehicle disposal. The Columbia County Transfer Station accepts and disposes of a variety of watercraft, recreation vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.

The standard MSW rate of \$135.00 per ton applies to the disposal of recreation vehicles.

Due to the need for special handling of the vehicles Columbia County and the management team at the transfer station are requesting approval of a special handling fee of \$80.00 per vehicle (ATV's, motorcycles, scooters and jet

skis excluded) to be charged at the time of payment. Commissioner Heimuller, Commissioner Magruder and Commissioner Tardif are in favor of the addition of a special handling fee of \$80.00 per vehicle disposed of at the Columbia County Transfer Station. Staff will prepare an Order to be placed on a consent agenda for approval.

Tristian Wood, Assistant Public Works Director, originally presented H-GAC Contract and Carlson Paver Purchase to the Board in April and as discussed the Public Works Department has budgeted for the purchase of a new Carlson Paver for this next budget year. To complete this purchase, staff is requesting that Columbia County apply for membership in the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) purchasing cooperative to get the best price and meet procurement requirements without having to go through a formal bid process themselves. Staff is asking the Board to approve the application and authorize County Counsel to submit it on Columbia County's behalf. Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to authorize County Counsel to submit the application on Columbia County's behalf with H-GAC. The motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel presented Resolution 66-2020 in the Matter of Affirming Columbia County's Commitment to Addressing Systemic Racism, and Proclaiming June 19 as Juneteenth. Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Resolution 66-2020. Commissioner Heimuller expressed his appreciation to staff that have worked on this resolution. Commissioner Magruder echoing Commissioner Heimuller, also thanked staff that took the time to create this resolution, she thanked the public that took the time to read the resolution and participate in the discussion this morning. She also noted that over the last few years as we have worked on our Strategic Plan and our Mission, Vision and Core Values, much of this has already been incorporated in Columbia County's thinking and looking towards the future. Commissioner Tardif shared that when they started looking into this resolution back at the beginning of June he was not prepared for the direction or conversations that would happen. Even though if we would not have been moving forward passing this resolution today the amount of work within our agency and the amount of unconscious bias that was brought to the forefront and the challenging of our thinking in which we do things was tremendous for our organization and our staff. He too wants to thank everyone that made this resolution happen. The motion carried unanimously

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Tomorrow is a Col-Pac meeting being held via telecommunication, you can go onto Col-LPac's website for log in information.

Even though we will not be having a Fair in Columbia County, the Fair Board will be holding their annual plant sale the weekend of July 17th. You can call the Fair Office for further information.

The Fair Board is holding their regular workshops. The next one is this Thursday at 6:30pm at the Fair Board office,

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Thanked all of the folks in the community who have stepped forward to do things when celebrations or events have been canceled. Shedco did a great 4th of July celebration here in St. Helens, Quincy did a Parade for the 4th of July, and Rainier Parade is this weekend with a new parade route, Scappoose Farmers market opened last weekend and Clatskanie Farmers Market is being held every Saturday.

During the ColPac meeting there will be a discussion on the Broadband action team. Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties are working together to expand broadband within our counties.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

With nothing coming to the Board this afternoon, the afternoon work session has been canceled. This Friday's daily meeting has been canceled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board recessed from their regular scheduled meeting to go into Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(h) litigation. Upon coming out of executive session Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Common Interest Privilege Agreement in relationship to lottery, and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Common Interest Privilege Agreement in relationship to Hutchison Litigation, and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUISNESS:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel updated the Board on the Historical Museum Association. County has provided archived records to Les Watters. Les has asked that he be able to obtain original documents and photos for the museum. The consensus of the Board was that the Museum would be able to make better use of the documents and photos in the museum.

Commissioner Magruder brought to the Board for discussion: The past 25 years the Watershed Counsel and the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District have been able to have Land Development Services sign off on a document that says that the watershed projects do not need to go through a Land Development process and the \$250.00 fee has been waived. After discussion, Land Development Services will need to present the appropriate fee waiver to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Magruder stated that the Board of Commissioners were contacted by Andrew Niemi asking what the County's process of reviewing requests for proposals through the RFP process. With RFP's not all having a price tag she would like to have a discussion after further review to determine if we need to enlarge our process and perhaps have others outside of county staff involved.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of July, 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