

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 15, 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 Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 Board meeting and the July 8, 2020 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Don Campbell 757357 Price Rd. Rainier OR. Concerned with trees being removed along the Beaver Creek. Commissioner Heimuller requested that Mr. Campbell email photos and to confirm the address. He will follow up with the State Forestry Department. Don also had concerns regarding the Planning Commission and the audit of the flood zones.

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Canaan Rd. Deer Island called in to follow up on the Lawrence Rd gate issue. It was verified with staff that this issue is pending staff report to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

Claire Catt 445 S. 3rd Street. Following up from conversation on June 17th Commissioner Tardif reported that he is currently reviewing the contacts and is researching property to determine if it belongs to Columbia County or CCMH.

HEARING: No Hearings to come before this Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID-19 Mike Paul, Public Health Director reported in the US more than 136 thousand deaths reported as of this morning, 67 thousand new cases reported yesterday. 27 States have paused their reopening plans. In Oregon 380 new / presumptive cases yesterday and 7 deaths.

Sporadic cases are being linked to those that have not been able to be notified through contract tracing. In relation to contract tracing Public Health is seeing delays in test results.

Testing capacity is going to be challenging over the next few weeks due to supply and demand issues.

Columbia County among other Counties will be on board for ARIAS that will be used in contract tracing by the end of the month.

We have received a list of Regional and State Wide community based organizations that have been awarded contracts with the Oregon Health Authority. We expect a press release later in the week from OHA on what each of the CBO's will offer.

Oregon Health Authority reports that the supply of PPE is well stocked except the N95 mask, they expect a shortage.

No out breaks have been reported in Senior Center Communities. 5 or more confirmed cases within a company of 30 or more employees is considered an outbreak, no companies have had an outbreak at this time.

The Governor's office will soon be releasing information on indoor gatherings. Indoor gatherings should not exceed more than 10 people, Masks will be required in outdoor public areas if a 6 foot distancing cannot be maintained.

Public Health has been sending letters to local business to be sure they are aware of OSHA guidelines.

Mike reported that they have not received any feedback form OSHA on complaints received locally.

Mike has not seen updated guidelines for outdoor public spaces since the governor's new announcement, the guidelines should be updated shortly.

Commissioner Magruder thanked the Public Health Staff for working with our agriculture workers in Columbia County.

The reports used to show how many people that have recovered has been changed to say infectious, Columbia County has had 58 confirmed cases since the onset of COVID-19, 13 are now considered infectious. Most of our cases have been confirmed in June and July.

Commissioner Heimuller asked what is the correct answer to how does Columbia County keep the numbers down with so many residents working outside of the county. Columbia County has people that travel into and out of the county for work, however Columbia County has done well at following guidelines and self-quarantine if necessary.

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 personnel action for Janet Evans effective 07.31.2020
- B. Approve the creation of the position of Administrative Assistant 1 in the Public Health Department.
- C. Resend letter dated 12.18.2019 appointing Julie Pelletier as members to the Columbia County Fair Board with an expiration of 01.01.22
- D. Appoint Julie Pelletier to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position #7 with a term to expire 01.01.2021 and authorize the Chair to sign
- E. Oregon Department of Transportation Railroad-Highway Public Crossing Safety Application for Milepost 25.94 (Millard Road) and authorize Chair to sign
- F. Oregon Department of Transportation Railroad-Highway Public Crossing Safety Application for Milepost 24.8 (Bennett Road) and authorize Chair to sign
- G. Application with Oregon Board of Pharmacy for Community Health Clinic Pharmacy License and authorize Public Health Director Mike Paul to sign
- H. Order No. 68-2020, In the Matter of Adopting a Pharmacy Policy for the Management of Medication for Public Health Tuberculosis Services

- i. Order No. 69-2020, In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County HIPAA Policy Updated for the HIPAA Omnibus Final Rule and Directing the Appointment of the County Privacy Officer and County Security Officer

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- j. C59-2020 Personal Services Contract with Pauly Rogers and Co. P.C for Audit Services
- k. C61-2020, Oregon Department of Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement No. 33667 for US 30, Millard and Bennett Roads

MATTERS: No matters to come before this Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Price Road Mike Russell, Public Works Director and Nathan Woodward, Surveyor updated the Board on the status of the issues associated with Price Road and the Department's efforts to patch pave a portion of the road this summer.

Because Public Works has been maintaining this section of Price Road for many years and because the work they have done there recently has left the road in an unfinished state, staff feels that communication with the neighborhood should be done to explain the situation and determine the willingness of property owners to work with the County to legalize the road.

Legalizing the road as constructed will be a longer-term process and staff is willing to work with property owners along this portion to accomplish that over time. The County Surveyor will be on hand to help with the process.

The Board directed staff to move forward with the legalization process with a proposed Hearing date of August 19th, to help expedite the process to get Price Rd paved during this paving session.

Update on Lawrence Rd, Staff is still meeting with residents along the roadway for discussion of the location of the gate. Discussion should be had and letters to all residents along Lawrence Rd. should be completed by July 31, 2020.

Community Corrections Department Staffing Jean Ripa, HR Director, Sheriff Pixley and Janet Evans, Community Justice Director, Janet Evans is retiring at the end of the month. The Sheriff has made a proposal that Community Corrections be housed under the CCSO. The Sheriff believes that instead of two competing departments that report to different leaders the adult corrections system would work more efficiently and effectively as a single entity directed by a single mission statement, vision and set of strategies.

Janet Evans, believes that proposal has potential that this plan could work. Janet went over what she felt are the pros and cons to placing the adult program under the CCSO. Janet does not feel that the juvenile program should be placed under the CCSO.

After discussion, input from employees, Judges and the District Attorney will be requested, Sheriff Pixley will submit a formal proposal, financial breakout of adult and juvenile programs and testimonials from the State and Oregon Counties that have joined Community Corrections under the Sheriff's Department, for further discussion. No action was taken.

OTHER BUISNESS:

Today’s work session meeting has been canceled.
The daily meeting for 07.17.2020 has been rescheduled to begin at 10:45am.

Brief discussion was held on the CARE’s act funding. Staff will be meeting on Friday for discussion of CARES Act Funding, the Board will join staff for discussion. Sarah Hanson, recommended that the Board read the treasury guidance.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

No comment today

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

No comment today

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

No comment today

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session 192.660(2)(d) has been pulled form today’s agenda.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of July, 2020.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Jacyn Normine
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