COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 29, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with 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 Alex Tardif was not present.

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

MINUTES:
Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

No Visitor comments

PUBLIC HEALTH/ COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dr. Joe Skariah, County Medical Officer attended today's meeting to give the Board an update on the status of the COVID epidemic in Columbia County. Dr. Skariah reported the biggest issue at this time for Columbia County is a struggle with testing. Mike Paul provided some statistics on the issue: There have been approximately 4,100 negative tests in Columbia County (with around 70 positive tests). There have been over 400,000 negative tests in the State of Oregon (with over 17,000 positive tests). On a percentage basis, Columbia County is testing fewer people than the State overall.

During the Q&A discussions were held on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, drive in clinics for Columbia County, lack of access to tests and lack of capacity with certain testing laboratories, lack of hospital, purchasing tests, masks vs face shields and demographic of those infected and also the affect of the virus on the body.

HEARING:
None.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Commissioner Magruder 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 Jacyn Normine and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign.

B. Order No. 71-2020, In the Matter of Updating Columbia County Rider's Policies and Procedures for Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

C. Appoint Derek Stekhuizen to the Columbia County Fair Board position # 4 to complete the term expiring on 01.01.2022 and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

D. C63-2020, Grant Agreement No. 1020 with the State of Oregon for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Disbursements for the First Cost Period and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.

MATTERS:
Nothing to come before this Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Sheriff Pixley came before the Board to discuss Emergency Procurement of Medical and Mental Health Services at the Jail. After discussion, staff was directed to move forward with an Emergency Procurement of Medical and Mental Health Services and place on a consent agenda for approval.

Sheriff Pixley also brought to the Board for discussion Columbia County Firearms Range Rate Increase. After discussion, staff was directed to update the Order and place on the consent agenda for approval.

Mike Paul, Public Health Director came before the Board to discuss a separate Social Media account for Public Health. Discussion was held on Social Media for Columbia County and the IT department has been working on updating the County's social media pages.

Other Business:
ORDER 72-2020: Sarah Hanson, County Counsel briefed the Board on the Supervisory Authority for The Community Justice. Janet Evans, Community Justice Director is retiring at the end of this week, Order No. 72-2020 would give Justin Hecht and The County Sheriff the Supervisory Authority beginning August 1, 2020 .Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order No. 72-2020 In the Matter of Designating the Columbia County Sheriff and Justin Hecht, Community Justice- Adult Division Supervisor, as the Supervisory Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:
Commissioner Heimuller touched on the discussion held yesterday during the Governor's press conference and again during the AOC briefing regarding the metrics of reopening the schools. The reality of COVID-19 every community regardless of size, there might be some hope for small rural schools but not so much for the large metropolitan areas in reopening sometime soon. It looks like most schools will be going back remotely.

On KGW website Intel has a link for donations for old laptops, tablets and desktops. Intel will repurpose the old lap tops and he understands that the repurposed lap tops for school kids will be returned the county from which they came.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:
Clatskanie Festival is this weekend there will be a lawn mower race and a parade Saturday evening, she encourages everyone to social distance and wear your masks. Even though you may not want to wear a mask, when you are entering into these events, restaurants & businesses, it is not just about you. Please think about the others that are around you.

Before the end of the week the Broadband grant announcement should be made, we are hoping that the grant application for the Broadband grant that has been applied for in Vernonia will be granted.

Today's afternoon Board of Commissioner work session meeting has been canceled.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif is on vacation this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
No executive session items to come before this Board.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th 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: _____not present_____
                            Alex Tardif, Chair

                          By: _____
                            Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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By: _____   Henry Heimuller, Commissioner
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator