

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 12, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant 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 August 5, 2020 Board meeting and August 5, 2020 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS- 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

Kimberly O'Hanlon, 35485 Oakwood Dr. St. Helens joined the meeting via telecommunication and asked the Board to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth as they did when they passed Resolution 66-2020, which affirmed our county's commitment to addressing systemic racism, and proclaimed June 19th as Juneteenth. Kimberly is asking that they fly the red, white, and blue Juneteenth flag during the month of June of each forthcoming year from 2021 forward in the Plaza.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: Mike Paul, Public Health Director gave an update on the most current numbers of confirmed and presumptive cases, with 20 million globally and 750 thousand deaths, the US has reported 5 million and 165 thousand deaths. Oregon reported 21,700 thousand and 368 deaths Columbia County reported 103 and zero deaths. Presumptive cases are those that have COVID-19 symptoms that have not been tested.

Mike reviewed the curve for Columbia County opening schools this fall. Columbia County is currently below the curve however, our numbers are rising. This past week being the largest new case count with 17 for the week.

Discussion was held on how to keep off the watch list. Mike will gather information and bring to the next meeting.

MATTERS:

No matters to come before this Board.

HEARING: IN THE MATTER OF THE RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

Public Testimony / Comment:

Commissioner Tardif opened the floor and asked if anybody would like to speak in favor of the rate increase, with no public response, Commissioner Tardif asked if anybody from the public would like to speak in opposition of the rate increase. With no public testimony or comment coming before the board, the floor was closed.

Staff Report:

Mike Russell, Director of Public Works presented the staff report that explained the Columbia County Transfer Station accepts and disposes of a variety of watercraft, recreational vehicles and all-terrain vehicles. Due to the need for special handling of the vehicles Columbia County staff and the management team at the transfer station are requesting approval of a special handling fee of \$ 80.00 per vehicle. A notice of today's hearing was published

on July 24th. Staff's recommendation is to approve Order No. 75-2020 In the Matter of Adopting a New Fee for the Disposal of Watercraft and Recreational Vehicles and Approving FY 2021 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Rates.

Deliberation:

Commissioner Heimuller is in support of the proposed rate change.

Commissioner Magruder is in support of the proposed rate change.

Commissioner Tardif is in support of the proposed rate change

After deliberation, the Hearing was closed. Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order No. 75-2020 In the Matter of Adopting a New Fee for the Disposal of Watercraft and Recreational Vehicles and Approving FY 2021 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Rates. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Tardif read the consent agenda in full. With no changes or additions, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows with full disclosure that he sits as the Chair for Col-Pac: The motion carried unanimously.

- A Resolution 74-2020 In the Matter of Extending the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency Due to COVID-19
- B Ratify Letter dated July 31, 2020 re: Oregon Counties Engagement and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign.
- C Ratify letter dated 08.07.2020 re: Modernization of BLM Time Sale Regulations, and authorize Margaret Magruder to sign
- D Approve Letter of Authority for Michael Rouches
- E Approve Letter of Authority for Shaun Barrett
- F Approve 2.5% Incentive Pay for Enforcement and Corrections Sergeants who are assigned to the Cell Extraction Response Team
- G Order No. 67-2020, In the Matter of Accepting the Dedication of a Property for J Street and Mellinger Road, near Vernonia, Oregon, from James A. Sandman
- H Approve Dedication Deed from James A. Sandman for a Portion of J Street and Mellinger Road

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- I C64-2020 Grant Agreement Between Columbia County and Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District for COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Program

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Heimuller explained why Resolution 74-2020 In the Matter of Extending the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 is important, and why they approved this item on the consent agenda today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

This Saturday August 15th, from 11 am- 4 pm Elks Lodge 1999 will be holding a food drive at the Bowling Alley parking lot in St. Helens.

She is appreciative of all the folks and staff members being so cooperative in working through everything COVID.

New mural is Clatskanie, check it out as you drive thru Clatskanie it is on the side of the Hazen Building.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

The Olde School “John Gumm” has a lot of forward motion. This week we are working on getting the environmental documents of the building. It looks like if the County could acquire the building it could be very positive move, this would help house Public Health operations and add additional meeting room space that is needed during these times of the pandemic. Today at 4:00 we will be recessing to look at the old AWPPW building in the historic 1st National Bank building for possible lease for meeting room space.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif pointed out another positive that the Olde School “John Gumm” has to offer is that it has a gym, Juvenile Probation could utilize this space for their youth especially with children out of school, and if we sit down and think it through this building could meet a lot of the county’s needs.

This afternoon’s work session will begin at 1:30 pm

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12th day of August, 2020.

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

