

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 23, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator via telecommunication with County staff and members of the public was not present.

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 September 16, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Scott Jorgensen, Rainier City Administrator joined the meeting for introduction as the new City Administrator. Discussion was held on what is happen in the City of Rainier.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: COVID -19 current numbers of confirmed and presumptive cases, with over 31 million globally and 972,568 thousand deaths, the US has reported over 6.9 million and over 200 thousand deaths, Oregon reported 31,313 cases and 532 deaths and Columbia County has reported 154 confirmed and presumptive cases, and one death since the onset of COVID-19.

Mike reported there are currently 40,000 cases per day in the US with a 13% increase over the last week. With smoke form the wildfires testing has been decreased. Discussion was held on case counts and increased case counts due to summer time activities such as Labor Day. If you think that you may have missed a call from the Local Public Health, please call the main number at 503-397-7247. Discussion was held on businesses requesting information from the customer and Public Health only receives the information when requested.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tardif read the consent agenda in full, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- A Resolution 81-2020 In the Matter of Reallocation of Appropriations between Categories In the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget
- B Resolution No. 82-2020 In the matter of Reallocating Appropriations Between Categories In the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget (Public Health Grant)
- C PO #2100000053 for Lease of Two Nissan Rogues and One Nissan Sentra for the Finance Department for fleet use and authorize Chair to sign
- D Application for Veteran Services Grant with ODVA and Authorize Louise Kallstrom to Sign
- E Approve Letter of Authority for Derek Fraser, Land Use Compliance Specialist

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- F C43-2018-3 Seventeenth Amendment to Public Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Community Action Team
- G C106-2019-10, Amendment No. 12 to Agreement No. 159805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize Chair to Sign
- H C74-2020 License and Maintenance Agreement with Clatskanie Library District for Election Drop Box
- I C75 -2020 License and Maintenance Agreement with City of Vernonia for Election Drop Box
- J C76-2020 License and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Rainier for Election Dropbox

MATTERS: No Matters to come before this Board

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1.** John Walsh, City Administrator and Jennifer Dimsho Associate Planner for City of St. Helens, presented the Proposed St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan Amendment 2, after discussion no action was taken.
- 2.** John Walsh, City of St. Helens was present to discuss the Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Courthouse Plaza and Rose Garden including weekend parking areas for Halloweentown Sept. 10 to Nov 10, Christmas Décor Nov. 19 to Jan 7, Salmon sculpture May to July 30. After discussion, the Salmon sculpture May to July 30 removed Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement for Halloweentown and the Christmas Décor as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.** John Walsh, City of St. Helens briefed the Board on an upcoming Grant application "Connect". Commissioner Tardif, Commissioner Heimuller, Commissioner Magruder are supportive of the Grant application. The City of St. Helens will bring updates back to the Board of Commissioners.
- 4.** Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director presented the CARES Act round 1 updated funding spreadsheet. After discussion, Louise will bring back an update every two weeks starting October 7, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
- 5.** Today's 1:00 PM will begin at 2:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive sessions to come before the Board.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

She attended the reopening of the City of Rainier Library yesterday. On October 10, 2020 the dedication of A Street in Rainier will take place for the reopening. A lot of great things are happening.

She warned those that are in the wildfire areas to be cautious of underground fires.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Welcomed City Administrator Scott Jorgensen and thanked him for joining the meeting this morning.

Commissioner Heimuller touched on the wildfires in the surrounding areas and the rash of getting people rehoused.

Ruth Ginsburg, Supreme Court died on Friday, she was a legacy to Women Rights, and an advocate to all human rights. She will be greatly missed.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

We should be looking at Forest practices in Columbia County, looking at a program to educate against wildfires.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of September, 2020.

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

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

