

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 30, 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.

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 September 23, 2020 Board meeting and the September 23, 2020 work session as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Kathy Kleczek, Sunset Transportation 900 Marine Dr. Astoria, OR announced and described the Annual Get There Challenge that will run October 5-2020-October 18, 2020.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: Mike Paul, Public Health Director presented a PowerPoint presentation showing graphs for total case and death counts globally, new confirmed cases in Oregon and Columbia County, Oregon's Epi Curve, Oregon's COVID-19 testing and outcomes by county, leading causes of death by age group in the US-2018, severity and rates of COVID-19 by age groups, COVID-19 related deaths, hospitalizations, stories from Columbia County interviews, data for in-person instruction, following metrics for criteria for in-person instruction, public health indicators for monitoring COVID-19 in Columbia County and the Safe + Strong Helpline and resources. Mike, will start presenting PowerPoint presentations at the upcoming regular scheduled Board meetings.

COVID -19 current numbers of confirmed and presumptive cases, with over 33.7 million globally and over one million deaths, the US is approaching 7.2 million and over 206 thousand deaths, Oregon reported 33,291 cases and 555 deaths and Columbia County has reported 182 confirmed and presumptive cases, and one death since the onset of COVID-19.

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 Approve Personnel Action for Steve Pegram
- B Approve Letter of Authority for Greg Buddrius, Sergeant- City of Scappoose Police Department
- C Approve Letter of Authority for Timothy Thomson, Patrol Officer- City of Scappoose Police Department

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- D C83-2018-2.Third Amendment to the Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and WELLPATH LLC

- E C77-2020, Intergovernmental Agreement No. DASPS-3452-20 with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Albert Monitoring Services for Elections and Authorize Chair to sign

MATTERS: The 9.30.2020 Work session has been canceled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ADP Pricing Agreement: Jean Ripa, HR Director brought before the Board the previously approved three year price agreement with ADP that expired on June 30, 2020. Jean has been working with Nancy Merlette, Finance Manager reviewing options with ADP and staff would like to recommend a two year price agreement going forward. The pricing agreement reflects no price increase until 10/01/2021 at which time a 2% increase will occur. Staff was directed to move forward with the two year pricing agreement with ADP.

Emergency Management Director Staffing: Jean Ripa, HR Director brought to the board the discussion on how they would like to proceed with the recruitment of a new Emergency Management Director. After discussion the consensus of the board was to appoint an interim to allow the opportunity to evaluate the department's needs.

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

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder reported that there was a fabulous celebration at the Ruley Trail Head for the CZ Trail ribbon cutting. Bike Portland has provided a news article at BikePortland.org.

She will be attending the Annual Salmon Festival in Vernonia on Saturday Oct. 3rd.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller has been receiving email with concerns about Halloweentown. He would like folks to know that this is a city event and not a county event. We will have out of town visitors, and the city has a plan in action to follow COVID-19 health related guidelines. If you have questions please call the city and they can share the PPE plan.

He talked about the Presidential debate that was televised last night and the complete lack of respect and disregard shown by the President and Vice President was offensive, deplorable, and lacking integrity. He encouraged everyone in the county that is running for office to please think before you speak. Last night was the perfect example of how not to act.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif announced the Salmon Festival in Vernonia this weekend. Wear your mask, practice social distancing and come out and enjoy the historic event.

Make it a great day, find something to bring joy to your life. Have a great day.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th day of September, 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

