

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 28, 2020**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller, and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with Robin Assistant County Counsel and Kathy Coddington, Board Office Specialist 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 October 21, 2020 Board meeting and the October 21, 2020 Work session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** No visitor comment.

**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, hospitalization status, data for in-person instruction, school metrics, watch list data and OHA weekly report.

COVID -19 current numbers of confirmed and presumptive cases, with over 44 million globally and over 1.7 million deaths, the US has more than 8.7 million cases and over 226 thousand deaths, Oregon reported 42,808 cases and 664 deaths and Columbia County has reported 249 confirmed and presumptive cases, one death since the onset of COVID-19 and 14 hospitalizations.

Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director joined to discuss restaurant licensing and environmental fees. County licensing fees will be waived and licensees will only pay the amount that the County pays the state. The waived funds could come from the marijuana money.

**HEARING:** No hearings

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS**

- A C88-2020, ARIAS Security and Privacy Agreement with Oregon Health Authority and authorize Chair to Sign
- B C45-2018-6, Sixth Amendment to the Personal Services Provider Contract with Columbia Health Services

**MATTERS:** No matters

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Renewal of Temporary Staffing and EAP Contracts, Jean Ripa, HR Director asked for a special procurement for Cardinal Services and EAP. Cardinal is the only temporary employment agency in Columbia County. They have done an outstanding job keeping up with all the needs of the County. We currently hold 18 Cardinal employees. EAP is being used and has a great rate. We were at 2 percent usage and now we are at 7 percent. The Board directed Jean and County Counsel to work on creating an order to bring back for approval in the next two weeks.
2. IT Support Staff pulled. Holly Miller, IT Director will reschedule this discussion when she has a better feel of what staffing is needed for the upcoming projects.
3. Emergency Management Update and Staffing, Shaun Brown, Deputy Director, came before the Board to update the status of the Emergency Management Department and to ask for help creating an Incident Management Team. Shaun will come back to the board with more information on what experts he need to create the IMT. He also discussed with the Board about filling a FTP with Emergency Management, the Board agrees he needs to work with HR.

**Executive Session:** No Executive Session

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

When watching the news you might have a hard time it sorting all out. Each channel is giving different information. We as, Columbia County have done a great job. Keep yourself aware. Wash your hands and remember social distancing. This is something that I have to retrain myself to do so let's keep up the good work!

Commissioner Heimuller feels strongly about protecting the right to be able to protest and have demonstrations about personal beliefs but not the destruction to property and people. The last Game of the World Series last night was a great game. The people who came to the streets to celebrate also caused harmed to each other and property in LA.

On a positive note. Would like to celebrate Joyce Ervin on 45 years with Head Start. Thank you for your service! When she does finally retire, I have no idea how we will ever replace her. Thank goodness we are not celebrating your retirement!

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Rainier Historical Society breaking ground today. Congratulations!

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Breast Cancer Wellness Month, ladies please check or go get checked.

He would also like to ask for the county to help support Rainier Clatskanie Cemetery District.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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

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