

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 25, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met virtually in a scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller, and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel, 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.

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2020 Board meeting, November 4, 2020 work session, November 17, 2020 special meeting and the November 20, 2020 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Brady Preheim, 195 Clark St., St. Helens addressed the Port Westward Hearing process and the lack of a hearing being held. Brady continued to give testimony and was asked to stop and follow procedure and submit written testimony.

Sabbath Rain, 56879 Columbia River Hwy, Warren, Oregon addressed the Port Westward Hearing process, and feels that there should be a hearing held by Zoom if one cannot be held in person to give the community the opportunity to speak.

Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel gave the legality of the Port Westward remand process and explained there will be a 21 day open comment, 21 day rebuttal, 14 days final argument. Written testimony may be submitted to Jacyn Normine in the Board of Commissioners office. The record and testimony will be retained by the Board's office and is available through a public records process.

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Canaan Rd., Deer Island, Oregon urged the Commissioners to hold a few Zoom meetings to allow public comment in regards to Port Westward. Tammy feels that people need to be heard and it is important.

Maddie Reese, 33363 Meadow Brooke Dr. Scappoose, Oregon would also like the Board to reconsider a public hearing on the remand of Port Westward. She also feels that verbal testimony has a larger impact than written testimony, and this would also eliminate any disabilities issues that may arise based on the written testimony only process.

HEARINGS No Hearings

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Mike Paul, Public Health Director, updated the COVID-19 stats. 60 million worldwide confirmed cases with 1.4 million deaths. 12.6 million confirmed and 260,000 deaths in the United States. 67,000 confirmed with 847 deaths in Oregon. 440 confirmed with 3 deaths in Columbia County. We are concerned with the upcoming holiday with indoor gatherings.

We will be doing testing at the St. Helens High School on Wednesdays in December. You can preregister on the Columbia County Public Health page.

There has been a lot of question about the upcoming vaccinations. At this point there are still a lot of questions on how this will look in the future. We should be answering those questions in the next couple weeks. At this point we can help slow the increase of COVID by staying home and wearing a mask.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Purchase Order 210000082 for Schetky NW and authorize the Chair to sign.
- B. Approve Purchase Order 2100000082B with Schetky NW and authorize the Chair to sign.
- C Reappoint Mike Fuls to the Columbia County Vector Control District for a four year term to expire December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Reappoint Shaun Stewart to the Columbia County Planning Commission for a four year term to expire December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- E. Reappoint Laken Gortler to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position #1 for a three year term to expire January 1, 2023 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- F. Reappoint Scott Russell to the 4H & Extension Service Budget Committee for a three (3) Year term that will expire December 31, 2023 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- G. Approve Letter of Authority for McKenzie McClure, Patrol Officer, City of Scappoose Police Department

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- H. C106-2019-12, Amendment No. 14 to Agreement No. 159805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize Chair to Sign
- I. C55-2020-1, Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement No. 34219 (5339) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Transit Vehicles and authorize the Chair to sign.
- ~~J. C102-2020 Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Lower Columbia Engineering — pulled~~

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Jean Ripa, HR Director updated the Board on the Emergency Management Director Recruitment process. All three Commissioners are in agreement to start the process of looking of the new director. All three Commissioners would like to have an outside perspective on the interview panel.
- 2. Appointment of County Treasurer, Jean Ripa is asking to appoint the Treasurer now. Board discussion, not at this time.
- 3. Karen Schminke, LDS Director presented Amendment #3 to IGA #90G00254 to Oregon Building Code Division that Columbia County has with the State of Oregon's Department of Consumer and Business Services. The substance of this agreement remains the same as the prior one. There are changes to update the contract administrators and extend the term through June 30. 2023. The fees for these

reciprocal services remain the same as the original IGA from 2013. An amendment will be created for the payment of the last 6 months and will be brought back to the consent agenda next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed the regular scheduled meeting to go into executive session under 192.660(2) (a). Upon coming out of executive session no action was taken.

Commissioner Heimuller Comments Happy Thanksgiving, for 27 years the Heimuller family has always gone camping, but not this year. We will be staying home and having a small gathering and doing some Christmas decorating. Please remember that we don't have a hospital in this county. So please follow the rules. I got an email yesterday asking if I agreed with Governor's current mandates. I don't think this is a yes or no answer. We all need some guidance. Your children need guidance when we are raising them. We need guidance in a pandemic. Do I agree with all of the things that Governor Brown has done, no I don't agree with everything. But I do think we need to watch out for each other. We are all trying to do what we can do to help the small business. We don't have enough resources in this County. On Thanksgiving please remember those emergency workers working; the firefighters, ambulance crews, police, hospitals, and clinics in your prayers. They are the ones that are working to take care of us. Please keep follow all the restrictions and guidelines that you can.

Commissioner Magruder Comments Oregon Historical Society does a monthly email publication and was featuring Columbia County this issues. Hallie Heacock carvings are on display. The wood carvings are absolutely gorgeous and used woods that sometimes come from local mills. They also did a shout out to the Columbia County Museum Association and CZ Trail. Les Watters and his crew have done wonderful work on the interpretive kiosks on Crown Zellerbach Trail.

I would like to apologize to the Columbia County Democratic Central Committee, I announced that the CARES Act review would be done today. It must do next week.

Happy Thanksgiving! Wash your hands, wear your mask, and please social distance yourself. If you can use some hand sanitizer and if you can use some from Port Westward that would be good.

Commissioner Tardif Comments WEAR YOUR DAMN MASK! Cover your nose and your face. Yes, they are uncomfortable, I have more zits on my face then in high school. Please remember to wash them. I'll end on a positive note. Have a great Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with friends and family, but remember to wear your mask. It is like putting on your underwear. You remember to put those on in the morning. Maybe you don't. Maybe you go commando. I don't want to know. Just wear your mask. The only way to stop COVID right now is to wear your mask! Take CARE!

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th day of November, 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

