

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

December 9, 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 Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, 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 December 2, 2020 Board meeting, the motion carried unanimously. The December 2, 2020 work session was cancelled.

Call meeting to order

VISITOR COMMENTS - 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Carroll Sweet, 52077 Rabinsky Rd. Scappoose, a member of the Campaign Finance Committee. Is asking that the County Commissioners to add the "Honest Elections Columbia County Ordinance Initiative" to the voter's ballot. The people of Columbia County find that limiting large contributions and expenditures in political campaigns would strengthen democratic institutions, enhance public confidence in government, and reduce the cost of running for office, thereby enabling a greater diversity of persons to seek public office. Carroll then read a new briefed the Board on a new Columbia County Ordinance. The Commissioners requested that Carroll email the Ordinance for further review.

HEARING(S) No hearings to come before the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tardif read the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments in full, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments as follows;

- A. Appoint Elaine Placido to The Columbia County Planning Commission, Position #7 with a term to expire December 31, 2025, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- B. Reappoint Paul Langner to the Columbia County Development Agency Budget Committee for a three year term, with a term to expire December 31, 2023 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- C. Reappoint Paul Langner to the Columbia County Budget Committee for a three (3) year term, with a term to expire December 31, 2023 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Reappoint David Clark to the CZ Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term, with a term to expire December 31, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- E. Order No. 89-2020, In the Matter of a One-Year Extension for Ambulance Service Area Franchises

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- F. C106-2019-11 Amendment #13 to the Oregon Health Authority 201-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.

- G. C93-2020 Public Services Contract With Cardinal Staffing
- H. C98-2020, Memorandum of Understanding with Consejo Hispano for Community Engagement, Education, Support and Outreach for Active Surveillance of COVID-19 Case Contacts and authorize Chair to sign
- I. C101-2020, Grant Agreement No. 20-210 with the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management and authorize Chair to sign
- J. C102-2020 Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Lower Columbia Engineering
- K. C104-2020, Amendment #3 to IGA #90G00254 with Oregon Building Code Division for building services

MATTERS

No matters to come before the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Scappoose Bay Watershed Council's Annual Report presentation; Dana Pricher, Scappoose Bay Watershed Counsel, presented the 2020 Year in Review PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered the restoration design of Raymond Creek, 2020 Grants awarded, stream channel restoration on North Scappoose Creek and Milton Creek, Native Plant Nursery, North Coast Cooperative Weed Management area, how to improve water quality, DEQ 2019 Water Quality report, perspectives on moving forward, Fall Chinook, Coho Salmon and The Fish Status and Trends of 2019. Scappoose Bay Watershed Counsel is working towards healthy communities and creeks from headwaters to the bay.
2. CARES Act Discussion; Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director updated the Board on the project status report. Project #108- Administrative Costs- Put back \$40,000 of the \$100,000 previously reduced to cover direct admin costs through 12/30/2020. Project# 117- Inmate Tracking System – added \$7,500 to projects as approved in the November 20, 2020 Board meeting. PPE Equipment –removed CCET-PPE Equipment \$30,000 from CARES Act projects as discussed in the last meeting. Project #119 Small Business Grant Match, Paul Vogel suggested in his narrative that the remaining funds of \$ 25, 715.00 from this project be returned to the County in light of the new state allocation for small businesses. Commissioner Tardif entertained a motion, Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve returning the remaining Project #119- Small Business Grant Match in the amount of \$25,715.00 back to the County. The motion carried unanimously.
3. CCET Grant Administration; Paul Vogel, Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) and Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel presented C103-2020 Public Service Contract by and between Columbia County and Columbia County Economic Team. Discussion was held. Commissioner Magruder, spoke about confusion regarding the language that is used in these grants, and for those of us that go over and over them we understand the language but for those that don't it is confusing and recommended that in the promotional material that CCET sends out, to use language that gives some clarity to those applying. Commissioner Heimuller, explained that these grants affiliated with the CARES Act funding come to us on a very short time line. We received the guidelines for this grant on December 2, the Team that has been working on this project has done a tremendous job to try and create a program to get out almost a million dollars to local business in such a short time line. Another thing that

we have asked CCET to do is to give as many days possible for our small businesses to apply. Commissioner Tardif entertained a motion, to approve C103-2020 PSA by and between Columbia County and CCET. Commissioner Magruder moved, Commissioner Heimuller seconded with full disclosure that he sits on the CCET Board, to approve. The motion carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION no executive session to come before the Board.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS

Starting at 10:00 this morning our Public Health department in partnership with Oregon Health Authority are putting on a free COVID testing event. This is first come first serve, last week they tested 180 individuals they are hoping to do at least that many today.

Hearing a lot of things on how this pandemic is affecting all of us. Yesterday, Oregon hit a grim mile stone with 36 deaths in one day. That is 36 families that are grieving. Please remember to count your blessings each day.

Folks, as we all strive to get our businesses open, kids back in school whatever it may be, we need to remember to wear our masks, wash our hands and maintain 6 foot distancing. Shop local, please help support our local businesses.

Everybody is affected in one way or another some certainly worse than others, but these dollars that we talked about just a minute ago, we pump those funds out as quickly as possible to help our businesses in hopes it will help pay mortgages or prevent from having to lay off employees.

With all of that, don't forget as you get the news and see statistics that there is a family behind every one of those numbers.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Supporting everything that Commissioner Heimuller just said, people need to take all the precautions that they can and stay safe.

Excited about the grant program, she encouraged business to look at the grant closely, follow all of the instructions and get those applications in. Let's keep moving forward. Please support your friends, & family and support your local businesses. Stay Safe.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th day of December, 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

