

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder, along with Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Tardif was not present.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

REQUEST TO PROMOTE (3) ROAD WORKERS:

Dave Hill and Kelly Lundberg, Road Department, were present to request authorization to promote 3 Road Department employees to a Road Maintenance II position. After some discussion as to the reason behind this request, ***Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.***

EAST AIRPARK DEVELOPMENT:

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter and Robin McIntyre, were present to discuss the proposed East Airpark Development. The City of Scappoose asked for comments from the county regarding this development. Dave discussed his letter written to the City of Scappoose on this matter and mentioned that there will be significant traffic associated with the development and that it is intended to be constructed in phases. Dave mentioned that the traffic study shows that, without any other improvements to intersections, many intersections are projected to have a level of service "F" through Scappoose and therefore the "offsite" improvements required of the development must be scheduled with the phases. In addition, Dave expressed concerns about Moore Road and Miller Road and asked that these roads be addressed as well. The Road Department has the complete development application in the office. This is informational only and no action is needed by the Board.

PLANCHON CONTRACT:

Jan Greenhalgh informed the Board that Steve and Shannon Planchon are willing to extend their contract to April 30, 2018, with no other changes. Some discussion was held on what to do, after that time, with the property/lands and gas work. Steve mentioned that he would be available to help prepare a new RFP. Jan will contact Sarah about preparing the paperwork to extend the Planchon Contract to 4.30.18.

JUSTICE COURT JUDGE REPLACEMENT PROCESS:

While present, Jan reviewed her discussion with Shavon at the Governor's Office, regarding the process for replacing Justice Court Judge Wally Thompson, once he retires in December. He will need to send his resignation letter to the Governor's Office, which will start the application process. The Governor will consider any recommendations from the Commissioners, which may speed up the process.

Jan will contact Judge Thompson to see if he is willing to submit his letter right away, effective date of his choosing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - Bargaining:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

PROPOSED USE OF ROSE GARDEN BY SHOESTRING PLAYERS:

Brian Vaerewyck, representing Shoestring Players, presented a proposed lease agreement for the County's Rose Garden, adjacent to the Courthouse Plaza. Assistant County Counsel Robin McIntyre was present. Shoestring Players is a nonprofit performance group that has used the Rose Garden in the past during Halloweentown for a ticket booth. Shoestring would like to have a permanent and consistent place in the Rose Garden for the month-long Halloweentown event and would like to improve the Rose Garden with hardscaping to make it more accessible for all. They're asking the County to allow them to be caretakers of the Garden -- they would manage reservations for the Garden -- and for the County to contribute \$200/month for Garden maintenance. Henry and Margaret were generally in favor of allowing Shoestring Players to improve the Garden and have a consistent place for their Halloweentown activities. They prefer that the County contribute staff time for maintenance rather than money. Robin will work with General Services Director Casey Garrett to work out the details of an agreement with Shoestring and will bring the agreement back to the Board for their consideration.

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT GRANT APPLICATION:

Janet Evans and Justin Hecht, Community Justice Department, presented the Board with a copy of the Justice Reinvestment Grant application for review. The grant is a two year grant that is the result of the LPSCC collaboration. It will support a pretrial officer, expand treatment options for offenders, and on-going support for an intervention specialist and Justice Reinvestment Coordinator. The Justice Reinvestment goals are to increase community safety and accountability for offenders, and reduce recidivism and prison bed use. Janet is requesting approval of this grant and a letter of support from the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize Janet Evans to sign the Justice Reinvestment Grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

Janet will draft a letter of support and submit it to the Board office for review and signature.

TOUR OF AMANI CENTER:

Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Magruder left that office to attend a scheduled tour of the Amani Center, located at 1621 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, Oregon.

There was no Executive Session held.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of August, 2017.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Not Present
Alex Tardif, Commissioner