

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Tardif.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

**RAINIER TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT:**

Casey Garrett and Michael Ray met with the Board to discuss the Rainier Transit Center (RTC) project. The group brainstormed on what path to take concerning the construction of the transit center. As originally envisioned, the RTC came in at \$400K over budget. Working with the contractor and significantly changing the design and materials used in the building, the budget was reduced to \$720K, which is still \$120K over budget.

Connect Oregon 5 funding must be used by 12/31/2018 and there are no extensions permitted. Given that the budget is over and the time to get something completed is diminishing, it was determined that we would take a two-pronged approach.

Under the first prong, the Board will cancel the current procurement and authorize a new procurement where the dollar amount is stated in the RFP so that proposers know how much funding there is to work with. The RFP will also state that a pre-fab metal building is an option to consider. Casey will work with Robin to get the new RFP out as soon as possible, as timing is critical.

Under the second prong, Michael will work with the Connect Oregon Oversight Committee to see about changing the project description to allow for a remodel of the existing structure. Because the existing structure does not meet the intent that the grant was awarded under, there is no guarantee that the project intent change will be looked at favorably by the Oversight Committee.

The first task will be the completion of a Request for Change Order. This will need to be accompanied by supporting documentation including drawing of the existing structure, estimated costs, estimated time line, and reasons for requesting the change. No one wants to return the funding as it would reflect badly on Columbia County for future Connect opportunities.

Casey will need to bring the City of Rainier up to speed on where we are in the process and how we can get the city's support moving forward.

After all discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to cancel the current procurement for construction of the Rainier Transit Center. The motion carried unanimously.***

**PUBLIC HEALTH CONTRACT:**

Michael Paul, Public Health Administrator, was present to discuss several issues regarding public health.

- As for WIC services, it makes sense for the Public Health Foundation continue to provide those services.
- Paul talked about dates set for contract discussions with PHFCC.
- Paul gave a summary of the meeting with Oregon Health Authority. The Local Public Health Authority must contract directly with a Health Officer, but can be a small contract and the Health Officer could also be an employee of the PHFCC.
- Medicaid Administrative Claims - PHFCC is currently unable to participate in MAC because LPHA has to be involved in claims and ensure there are no false claims.
- Reproductive Health Services will move to a fee-for-service model as of 4.1.18.
- Immunizations - 8 providers; school exclusion law; contract and timeline concerns.
- Paul reviewed the schedule for upcoming Public Health meetings.

After discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to send a letter to the Oregon Health Authority stating that Columbia County (LPHA) approves of a grant from OHA to the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County to provide Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services to county residents. The motion carried unanimously.***

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Tardif, Commissioner