

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 14, 2018

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

Commissioner Magruder called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(l) - Evaluations:

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

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

This matter was pulled - not needed.

2017 WORKERS COMPENSATION INJURIES & RECRUITMENTS REPORT:

Jean Ripa had sent the Board a memo on this, which they reviewed. No further discussion was needed.

FIELD WORKER SAFETY:

This matter was held over to the 2.21.18 Board meeting.

RURAL BROADBAND PLANNING GRANT:

Holly Miller, IT Director, provided information to the Board summarizing the Business Oregon Rural Broadband Capacity Pilot Program Grant along with the pros and cons of a Columbia County Broadband Planning Project. Holly also provided the Board with a copy of the completed grant application and asked for feedback on any desired edits. She pointed out that the grant application stated a preference for projects that emphasized the "creation, expansion & preservation of principal traded sector industries of Oregon..." She indicated that her application did not expressly include this element. Commissioner Magruder suggested Holly talk with Chuck Daughtry, CCET, to add a few pertinent bullet points to the application. Discussion was then held on the staff time required, should this project be funded. The consensus was that the potential economic development benefits of a rural broadband project were of significant importance to the county, that the loss of IT staff focus on county IT initiatives was worth it. After discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Rural Broadband Capacity Pilot Program funding application. The motion carried unanimously.***

PRINTER MAINTENANCE PROJECT:

While present, Holly addressed a county wide printer maintenance program, discussing the various vendor models that had been discovered in her research, some of which included printer replacement and some that didn't. Commissioner Heimuller indicated that he would not approve any printer contract that didn't reduce the number of personal printers, in favor of more cost effective, centralized, workgroup printers or copy machines.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION:

Jan Greenhalgh addressed the need for appointments to the Budget Committee and the Elected Officials Compensation Committee. Kathy Engel had submitted an application last year for the Budget Committee and had interviewed with Board. The Board was in agreement with appointing Kathy and, with that, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to appoint Kathy Engel to the County Budget Committee to complete the term of Rory Hammond, term to expire 12.31.19. The motion carried unanimously.***

As for the Elected Officials Compensation Committee, Commissioner Heimuller recommended Sally Jones to replace Dee Wooley. The Board agreed and directed Jan to contact Sally to see if she would be interested in serving.

HB 2017 - PAVEMENT INSPECTION REQUIREMENT:

Mike Russell and Tristan Wood, Road Department, were present to discuss HB 2017 and the requirements that this bill has for the Road Department. Capital Asset & Pavement Services, Inc. will inventory and assess pavement condition of our asphalt roadways. They will inspect, rate and inventory our paved roads in the county and submit that report to the Road Department. This will be an additional tool for the department to better plan and monitor the pavement condition of our roadway system. Along with rating the paved roadways, CAPS will also photo inventory all 550 miles of Columbia County roadways. This will allow office administration the ability to look and compare certain roadway issues, compare before and after during emergency events and accidents, and will be a convenience for staff, who can avoid the need to inspect and look over roadways in the field. Both of these programs implemented will be a time savings and important tool for planning future pavement and planned project repairs. This is informational only and no action is needed by the Board.

While present, Tristan and Michael also discussed the need to close Apiary Road during the construction and replacement of culvert at MP 16.2 over Oak Ranch Creek. Much discussion was made on alternative routes, determining that no completely safe option exists. Tristan will keep the Board informed on the construction schedule and length of closure needed, along with a plan for public notices to keep the public informed on the road closure.

CONFERENCE ALL WITH DEQ - DEER POINT MEADOWS MHP:

The Board, along with Todd Dugdale, Erin O’Connell, Robin McIntyre participated in a conference call with Mike Kucinski and Gary Artman of DEQ, regarding the Deer Point Meadows Mobile Home Park. DEQ staff updated the Board on their review of recent water tests that Mr Campbell had done on 1/8/18 and 1/19/18. DEQ found that the test results showed that the levels of e-coli bacteria were within applicable limits prescribed by State water quality standards and did not show the presence of sewage. Todd asked that DEQ provide a written response to the testing. Mike Kucinski stated that he would forward that on to Todd. DEQ also provided a brief overview of monitoring and reporting required of the Deer Pt Meadows MHP for their existing WPCF on-site wastewater treatment system. DEQ explained that they have found Deer Point Meadows system to be in compliance with their most recent Warning Letter and they are taking required steps to maintain the system until the approved system improvements can be completed and approved this summer. This conversation was informational only and no action was needed by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th day of February, 2018.

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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner