

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 28, 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)(I) - Evaluations:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f) - Exempt Records:

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

PUBLIC RECORDS FEE WAIVER:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, discussed the Spotlight's appeal of its fee waiver request to the District Attorney. Sarah reported that the amount of Counsel staff time involved in responding to an appeal to the DA, not to mention the time the DA is having to spend, outweighs the amount of the estimated fees to provide the records. Sarah recommended that even though the denial of the fee waiver request was appropriate, the Board agreed to provide the requested records at no cost given the cost to the public to address the appeal. Sarah presented the Board with a draft letter to the Spotlight for consideration. The Board discussed the recommendation. The Commissioners each expressed that the initial decision was correct and that it is important to collect fees to reimburse the public for public records requests when a fee waiver hasn't been demonstrated to be in the public interest. However, it makes sense in this case to provide the records given the amount of staff time involved with an appeal. In addition, this isn't a decision that will impact their future decisions about fee waivers. With that, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the letter to Nicole Thill, Spotlight, dated February 28, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.***

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OPPORTUNITY:

Jeweltee Bell, Finance Department, to discuss the opportunity for the County to become a member of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) with the Board members. The Board agreed that we should become a member and take advantage of the cooperative purchasing contracts available through NJPA. After some discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Participating Member Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.***

Jewelree will forward the agreement to NJPA for processing.

While present, discussion was also held on the decision to cancel the RFP for administering the Natural Gas Resources and Real Property Programs. Only one proposal was received and it was determined, after evaluating the proposal, that the proposer does not have the experience needed to provide the necessary services. The Board agreed by consensus. Jewelree will issue the notice to cancel the RFP.

REQUEST VEHICLE PURCHASES FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT:

This matter was held over to the 3.14.18 Work Session.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER:

Mike Paul, Public Health Administrator, updated the Board on the Public Health Officer position. He has received inquiries from the medical director of the Public Health Foundation, Dr. Steven Krager, about the health officer position. Mike previously met with Dr. Krager and provided him with standing orders from Dr. Tom Duncan, the County's current health officer, via the IGA with Clatsop County. He reviewed Dr. Krager's job description, the health officer job description and the Oregon Health Authority's triennial review requirements. The contract with Clatsop County was to fill an interim position through June 30, 2018, until the County could recruit someone more local. Mike will proceed with recruiting a local health officer to assume the role of the county health officer on July 1, 2018.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONTRACT:

While present, Mike informed the Board that he has scheduled a series of meetings with Sherrie Ford to discuss the scope of a future contract with the Public Health Foundation, beginning on July 1, 2018. Mike reviewed the older minimum staffing requirements in the CLHO 2008 document and discussed the foundational programs in the public health modernization manual. He addressed the 3 programs; Public Health emergency preparedness; tobacco and environmental health. He then reviewed the budget he received from the Public Health Foundation and the costs of the programs. No action was needed at this time.

FIRING RANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND:

This matter was held over to the 3.14.18 Work Session.

DONATION TO VOLUNTEER TEA:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve a \$100 donation for the RSVP Volunteer Tea event. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

Karen Kane requested that she receive all public notices so that she is aware of what hearings/meetings are coming up so that she can also share on social media, etc. Jan will start copying Karen on all public notices that are sent out to the newspapers.

ODFW REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Commissioner Magruder received a request for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife for a letter supporting their proposed ban of alcohol at Sauvie Island. The Board carried this over for 2 weeks for consideration.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner