

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 27, 2018

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

Commissioner Magruder called the meeting to order.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Chuck Daughtry, CCET, was present to address the re-designation of the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone. Sarah has made some changes to the resolution and would now recommend approval. After some discussion and review, ***Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Resolution No. 23-2018, "In the Matter of Authorizing Re-designation of the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone". The motion carried unanimously.***
- Commissioner Magruder addressed the PILT Class Action lawsuit. If the county plans to participate in the lawsuit, the deadline is 9.14.18. Commissioner Heimuller noted that this will be an item for discussion at the upcoming O&C meeting in Grants Pass. He will be out of the at that time, so either Commissioner Magruder or Commissioner Tardif should attend.
- A brief discussion was held on the County's Property and Liability Insurance, specifically the deductible and how that would affect the premiums should that deductible be increased. The Board will need to talk about this more with Jean Ripa.
- Just a heads up, Commissioner Tardif has been receiving a lot of calls regarding Lawrence Road and has been forwarding those to Mike Russell in the Road Department.

VICTIMS IMPACT STATEMENT:

Sarah Hanson explained that Linda Hald's sentencing will take place on July 10, 2018. The prosecutor suggested that someone from the county be present to read a Victims Impact Statement into the record. Commissioner Heimuller would like to see a letter drafted on behalf of the county and signed by the Board of Commissioners. It was determined that Sarah and Karen Kane would draft a statement, get it reviewed and approved, and have Commissioner Tardif read it during the sentencing.

ODOT AGREEMENT FOR TIMBER ROAD DETOUR:

Mike Russell and Robin McIntyre were present for discussion on ODOT Agreement #32971 for the Timber Road Detour. It was originally thought that the road would be closed for 4 weeks, but that has now expanded to 8 weeks. Mike reviewed the scope of work and noted that this agreement will be on the 7.11.18 consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board discussed potential options for new revenue streams in the County. The Board is interested in considering all potential revenue possibilities and to prioritize accordingly. Commissioner Tardif directed staff to bring the discussion back at a work session towards the end of August or early September. No decisions were made.

AMBULANCE SERVICE ORDINANCE:

This discussion was canceled due to time constraints and will be carried over to the 7.11.18 work session.

DOUG HAYES - PORT WESTWARD REPORT:

Doug Hayes, Port Director, came to the meeting to report that a renewable fuels company is showing interest in property at Port Westward. He cannot share too much at this point, but will keep the Board informed as things progress.

NINA CARLSON - NW NATURAL:

Nina Carlson, NW Natural, came before the Board to present information on the future of low carbon. NW Natural has an important role to play in a smart and affordable NW climate strategy. Their goal is 30% carbon savings by 2035 by reducing carbon intensity, reduce and offset consumption and replace more carbon intensive fuels. Carbons can be reduced through using natural gas at wastewater treatment plants, dairies and landfills. Customers can help by using low cost absorption heat pumps, gas-fired heat pump water heater, etc. Transportation is the largest contributor to carbon emissions and that is growing. The new CNG engines provide the cleanest, most cost effect solution for heavy duty vehicles. They deliver 20% reduction in carbon emissions compared to diesel and a 90% reduction in air pollution. Nina shared NW Natural's new campaign "Less We Can" and reviewed the details. In closing, Nina thanked the Board for allowing her time to share this information with them.

CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH:

Sarah presented the Board with the Public Health Foundation contract for review and discussion. The Board asked if PHFCC had agreed to the terms yet. Neither Mike or Sarah has received confirmation of that. After discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Amended and***

Restated Personal Services Provider Contract with Public Health Foundation of Columbia County for Public Health Services". The motion carried unanimously.

The Board noted that if Public Health does not sign this contract, then all parties need to meet tomorrow to address any and all concerns. The Board will have Jan schedule a meeting for tomorrow morning, to include Commissioner Heimuller, Sarah Hanson, Michael Paul, Sherrie Ford, Aiken Blitz and a PHFCC Board member.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS:

This matter was carried over to a future work session.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of June, 2018.

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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner