

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 3, 2018

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Henry Heimuller. Commissioner Alex Tardif was attending a conference offsite.

Commissioner Magruder called the meeting to order.

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

This matter was pulled and held over until all 3 Board members could be present.

EVACUATION DRILL PLANNING:

Jean Ripa, Nathan Woodward and Steve Pegram updated the Board on the status of the evacuation drill planning. The County (and the State Courts) are required to have some type of evacuation drill annually. A sub-group of the Safety Committee has been planning this. The hope is to have it scheduled for late November. The plan is to require evacuation (make the drill mandatory) and to communicate with supervisors and employees well in advance with the plans. New rally points have been identified. The Fire Marshal has been contacted so that he can assist and actually trigger the fire alarm. Casey Garrett joined the group and talked about his plans to have the Fire Marshal test the decibel level of each of the alarms. There have been complaints about the level but the alarm is intended to be very loud. The question is whether this could be done in conjunction with or before the drill. Once it is determined what code requires in terms of the decibel level, the testing of each alarm has to be done after hours, given the disruption to the workplace. There is also a question as to whether this needs to be done by the Fire Marshal or could be done by a contractor. Casey said he felt he could have this accomplished in time for a November drill. The Commissioners agreed that they would be willing to make the drill mandatory. Jean noted that, once an actual date was identified, she would put their formal approval on a Consent Agenda.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:

Steve Pegram and Sarah Hanson were present to review the Emergency Operations Plan with the Board. It was decided that the Board will review in detail and schedule an upcoming work session to address any questions or concerns.

FOLLOWUP ON COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT:

Glen Higgins and Sarah Hanson were present for discussion for additional appointments to the CCI. It is recommended that the Board appoint two additional members to the CCI for a committee of 9. After reviewing other possible appointments and trying to get broad representation on the Committee, the Board decided to add Tracy Prescott-MacGregor from Erickson Dike Road and Leslie Woodward from Wallace Road to the CCI. The full committee will be appointed at the 10.10.18 Board meeting.

LETTER TO COMMUNITY JUSTICE REGARDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:

As agreed to, Commissioner Magruder has prepared a letter to Janet Evans, Community Justice, explaining the Board's opinion on the questions recently raised on transitional housing. After review of the letter, ***Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the letter. The motion carried unanimously.***

It was noted that a copy of this letter will be sent to all three Judges.

REQUESTS TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS:

- Todd Wood has requested authorization to fill the Transit Coordinator position. The Board added this to the 10.10.18 consent agenda for approval.
- Jennifer Cuellar has requested authorization to fill the vacant Payroll Accountant position. The Board added this to the 10.10.18 consent agenda for approval.
- Todd Dugdale has requested authorization to fill the Permit Technician position vacated by Linda Wheeler-Crain. The Board added this to the 10.10.18 consent agenda for approval.

PUBLIC FIRING RANGE:

Commissioner Heimuller recently met with Tony Hyde and Grant Kirby to discuss the possibility of a public shooting range in Columbia County. Tony is working on behalf of Knife River, who would be interested in helping make this work. Grant is starting work on some of the details but this is still in the very beginning stages.

MEETING WITH DEQ REPRESENTATIVES:

Nina DeConcini, NW Regional Administrator, Jennifer Purcell and Laura Gleim, with DEQ, were present along with Robin McIntyre, Todd Dugdale, and Erin O'Connell to discuss topics of concern with the county. Topics discussed included legal non-conforming Mobile Home Parks with aging on-site wastewater treatment systems; the need for Federal, State and local rules and coordination for floating home wastewater management; feedback on recent County meetings with agencies in the 5 county metro region involved with disaster sanitation planning; the need for better funding of DEQ on-site program support and DEQ's role in rules relating to provision of on-site wastewater treatment to accessory dwelling units now allowed within unincorporated areas within urban growth boundaries. Discussion only and no action was taken.

TOUR OF CITY WATERSHED PROPERTY FOR CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT:

The Board left the office to go on a tour of the city watershed property at Salmonberry Park to look at the possibility of developing an ATV/OHA campground at the site. No action was taken.

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

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2018.

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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____ Not Present _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator