

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 10, 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.

AOC Special Assessment:

Commissioner Heimuller is not comfortable with Rob B. moving forward with AOC Financials. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve payment as invoiced for the AOC Special Assessment. The motion carried.

Rainier Drainage Improvement Company:

Terry Deaton and Robin Clark presented information regarding the need for funding for the Rainier levee FEMA certification process. The Board discussed. No action was taken.

Investments Discussion:

Jennifer Cuellar Smith and Deanne Woodring, Partner: GPA (our Investment Advisor)

Deanne gave the presentation on the bond markets; basics of the County's investment policy goals - safety, liquidity and return; County investment strategy and liquidity positions. No changes to the current investment policy is being proposed this year. Ms. Woodring noted that the Oregon Short Term Fund Board (the advisory board for this purpose under the Oregon State Treasurer) has made changes to its sample policy - none of these changes affect risk or authorized investments, so next year an update to the policy will likely be proposed.

Commissioner Heimuller wanted more time to read the investment policy so asked that the Treasurer come back in a couple of weeks before making the Board decision on the annual review of the policy for the coming year. No action was taken.

Transient Lodging Tax:

Sarah Hanson, Jennifer Cuellar, and Karen Kane met with the Board regarding a possible Transient Lodging Tax in Columbia County. Sarah provided the Board with LOC guidance on Transient Lodging Taxes, background data, and a DOR report on tax rates collected around the State. Sarah provided some legal background on limitations of such a tax. The Board discussed timing of a ballot measure and requested additional information be provided by Karen Kane regarding strategy. The Board will discuss this matter again in two weeks during work session. No action was taken.

Draft LPSCC Ordinance:

Sarah Hanson, Jennifer Cuellar, Karen Kane and Jeff Auxier met with the Board to discuss a draft Ordinance formalizing the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. A draft Ordinance was distributed. The Board discussed the number of committee members and requested additional information about the current number of appointed voting members. The Board will discuss the matter again in three weeks during work session. No action was taken.

Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Litigation:

Has been held over until 10.17.18 work session meeting.

Fair Board Tour:

The Board met with Fair Board members Butch Guess and Amanda Mcferran to discuss improvement projects needed at the fair grounds. The Board toured the grounds. No action was taken.

The applications for Fair Board members were reviewed. The Board will schedule interviews with the applicants on 10.30.18.

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

Dated this 10th day of October 2018.

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Margaret Magruder, Chair

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Board Office Specialist

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner