

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 17, 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.

**NOHA Citizen Representative:**

The Board had discussion on who to appoint for the NOHA Citizen Representative. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to appoint Nina Reed as the NOHA Citizen Representative. The motion carried unanimously.

**Council of Forest Trust Land Counties:**

The Board had discussion on reappointing Margaret Magruder as voting delegate for Council of Forest Trust Land Counties. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to reappoint Margaret Magruder. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**Smith Road:**

Sarah Hanson, Robin McIntyre, Lonny Welter, Mike Russell and Nathan Woodward were present to discuss how to resolve the issue of Smith Road not lying within the legal Right of Way as shown on the tax lot map. Nathan shared his opinion on how he felt it was simply a mapping error and that Smith Road is where it has always been and that we should approach the issue with that in mind. The Board gave Nathan direction to move forward with his approach. No action was taken.

**LDS/Roads Reorganization:**

Sarah Hanson, Robin McIntyre, Todd Dugdale, Jean Ripa, Mike Russell came before the Board to discuss reorganization of Land Developments Services and The Columbia County Road Department.

Jean Ripa referred to her memo in the Board's packet which outlined the detailed steps which need to be taken to formally transfer the responsibility for the Solid Waste Program and administration of the depletion fee. Their packets had also included a revised job description proposed for Public Works Director. The Board would need to approve renaming the department to Public Works, approve the job description and the associated Personnel Action. There will be further action needed when County

Counsel brings in the documents associated with the related Ordinances and Orders. The Board asked about the budgetary consequences associated with these moves. Todd Dugdale reviewed the various positions in LDS which would no longer be allocated to solid waste. LDS positions will assume duties associated with the Public Health program both in support roles and in terms of the public counter support for Public Health, which is anticipated to go through LDS as they are already set up for this type of traffic and work. Mike Russell reported that his department was ready to take on these duties of solid waste & depletion and that he was looking forward to the capacity this transfer would enable to expand the program. There was some discussion related to renaming the department. The Board, overall, agreed with the proposals as presented and directed Jean Ripa to have the approvals listed on the next Consent Agenda.

#### **Executive Session under ORS 196-660(2)(d) Bargaining:**

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

#### **Employee Gifts/Foods at Employee Targeted Events:**

Jean Ripa noted that, after training from the Government Standards and Ethics Commission this year, several employees had commented on whether or not the County has officially approved of employees' taking home leftovers from various County events. She described how this can be viewed as an ethical violation unless the governing body has officially approved this activity as part of the overall compensation program. She has long ago obtained this approval from the Board. She also noted that there were no tax consequences for this activity, given the de minimis nature of the takeaways. Jean said that, even though it is not required, she wanted to get the formal blessing from this Board for this activity. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded that employees and/or volunteers could take leftovers after official County events as part of the official compensation program. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Update on Safety Issues:**

Casey Garrett joined the group and the Board reviewed with him the status of various facilities issues related to safety. No Action was taken.

#### **County's Contract with the US Marshals for bed rentals:**

Steve Salle, acting Sheriff, attended the meeting to request approval of an amendment to the County's contract with the US Marshals for bed rentals. Steve presented the proposed amendment for review. The amendment is proposed to change the per day bed rental from \$80.00 to \$92.00 and is estimated to bring in an additional \$325,000 annually. Commissioner Tardif moved to approve C105-2018 Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement 65-99-0009 with the US Department of Justice United States Marshals and authorize Steve Salle to sign. Commissioners Heimuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property:**

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

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

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

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

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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