

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 12, 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:

- The Board discussed CCMH and the Pathways program and ways in which to help support it to keep it up and running.
- Commissioner Magruder addressed the issue with Mr. Monk who continues to do road work on Bedell Road. Does the Board want to prepare a letter to Mr. Monk to have him cease and desist with any work on the road or have Mike Russell do it. It was agreed that it would be better coming from the Commissioners.
- There was discussion held on the issue of Chapman Landing. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Heimuller reported that he will be meeting with Composites this week. It appears that the actual owner was not aware that the taxes have not been paid on this site. A payment agreement was reached some years ago to keep this property out of foreclosure, but arrangements were not kept. Composites now wants to re-negotiate that tax agreement. Commissioner Heimuller noted that the Enterprise Zone agreement is on hold until the tax issue is resolved. The Board agreed by consensus to not re-negotiate.

BOTTLE WATER FOR EMPLOYEES:

Jean Ripa provided the Board with information about the cost of purchasing water cooler rentals. Discussion followed on the costs of providing water coolers to employees. The suggestion was made to include this potential cost of \$6000-\$8000 for bottled water as a proposal in the upcoming budget, plus around \$2-3,000 for purchase of coolers. Incurring this cost, if the budget news is bad, may not be feasible. Commissioner Tardif wondered if installing plumbed water line filtering stations was a better idea. He volunteered to look into that and get back to the Board. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that, if the Board did this, that it be rolled out as part of a larger wellness program.

RECRUITMENT FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR:

With Jennifer Cuellar and Debbie Smith-Wager present, the Board welcomed Debbie and thanked her for her willingness to help in the interim while the County hires a new Finance Director. The Board discussed who should grant purchasing authority and sign

contracts in the absence of a full time Finance Director. The decision was made that these items would come to the Board. It was recognized that some processes may take a bit longer and some may need to be delayed but this is acceptable and normal in such situations. The Board is going to send out a communication to department heads notifying them of these issues.

REVIEW OF SAFETY ISSUES:

This item was postponed as Casey Garrett was meeting the Fire Marshal at the new Rainier Transit Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(a)(d):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192,660(2)(d)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Litigation

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

CONTRACTORS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Karen Kane invited representatives of three companies to speak with the Board about contracting for the beginning stages of the strategic planning work. This would involve an organizational and/or cultural assessment. The three representatives were Beau Bennett from Corragio Group, Patsy Feeman from New Legends Now, and Alison Hart of Alison Hart Associates. Each spoke individually with the Board about process for assessment, how that can inform and enhance strategic planning and what services they could provide to the county. No action was taken at this time.

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

Dated this 12th day of December, 2018.

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By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh
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