

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 13, 2019

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

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Job coordination was held over one week.
- The Board discussed JOCAC and need the more members. Karen Kane has posted notice seeking interested parties, however only 1 application was received. Commissioner Tardif will contact Jolene Jonas who might be interested and Commissioner Heimuller will contact Susan Conn.
- Commissioner Tardif received a call from Nancy Whitney regarding SB368, discussion followed.
- Doug Hayes, Port of St. Helens, was present to give the Board an update on various Port issues and projects, i.e. LUBA appeal, site developments, etc.
- Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that there will be a free Opioid Overdose Medication Training at Sacagawea on February 26th to show people how to administer NARCAN. This is a drop in class from 11:00 – 1:00 and anyone who attends will receive one free packet of naloxone. He plans to attend and will encourage others to also attend.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE 2019:

The Board discussed appointing members to the Elected Officials Compensation Committee for a 1, 2 or 3 year terms. Sarah Hanson indicated that the statute does not dictate one year terms. Jean Ripa said she thought that interpretation came from a long ago legal counsel and may have been based on the requirement for an annual recommendation. After discussion, the Board directed Jean to make contact with the members from the prior year, using the new form created by Board Staff, and see if they wish to serve another term. The Committee was included as part of the press release requesting applications and none have been received. At the time the Board makes the official appointment, they will determine the number of years they wish the Committee to serve.

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

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

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA CITY FOR COURTROOM SPACE:

Diana Taylor, Justice Court Judge, presented the Board with an amendment to the Lease Agreement with the City of Columbia City for courtroom space for the Justice Court. This amendment extends the date of the lease to January 31, 2021. All other terms of the lease remain the same. After discussion, the Board agreed to add this amendment to the next consent agenda.

REQUEST TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR TO FULL TIME:

Mike Russell, Columbia County Public Works Director, presented a proposal to the Board for moving the Solid Waste Coordinator position to full time status. Mike explained that the program recently moved from Land Development Services to Public Works and he sees there is opportunity to expand the program in the areas of public engagement and education.

The Board discussed the relative costs involved in going to full time, specifically, taxes and benefits. Commissioner Heimuller asked Mike to provide the Board with more information about how the scope of the position has changed in the last five years and how moving it to full time would benefit the program and service to the community. No action was taken and the item will be rescheduled for discussion at a later date.

Tristan Wood, Assistant Public Works Director, briefed the Board on the status of repairs to Gable Road. He explained that, in light of recent storm damage, we will be asking the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to issue a Notice To Proceed immediately so that funds can be spent against a grant given for damage at this location during the 2015 storm event. This will authorize reimbursement for all costs associated with constructing a permanent fix at the location as soon as possible.

PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR PERSONNEL RECORDS:

This was addressed in Executive Session above.

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STRATEGIC PLAN CONTRACT REVIEW:

Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel, and Karen Kane were present to discuss the contract with New Legends Now, the company the county is looking at contracting with for organizational assessment and the strategic plan. The payment schedule was discussed and the Board agreed with the payment plan as proposed. Tiffany will use the proposal to prepare the contract for Board action. A schedule of meeting times were discussed. At this time, the plan is to meet for the first time in mid-March and Karen will contact New Legends Now.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

Todd Wood, Transit Director, updated the Board on the ridership numbers since the run cuts. Todd then presented a memo from EcoNW regarding potential funding options for CC Rider. The Board will review the information for discussion at the next work session.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th day of February, 2019.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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