

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 3, 2019

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

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Gable Road:** Tristan Wood, Assistant Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss the upcoming bid opening for Gable Rd. Sidewalk project. Bid Opening will be on April 24th at 2:00 PM. Tristan was seeking input from the Board to send Notice of Intent to Award when the bids are ratified. With Assistant County Counsel Robin McIntyre present the board saw no reason in sending the Notice of Intent to Award after the bid opening.
- **Safety Committee:** Casey Garrett, General Services Director, came before the Board to discuss the Safety Committee. It has been recommended that Casey schedule inspections every 12 to 18 months with OSHA to insure that the County is in compliance with state regulations. Casey will also review the Horn Device manual to determine if a licensed technician needs to adjust volumes and sign off, or if it is a self-adjust system. Casey will be evaluating break rooms to bring electrical plugs into compliance, safety strips are not be used for high voltage equipment i.e. refrigerators and microwaves. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Board that Casey will oversee the Safety Committee and Lindsay Elder, General Services Administrative Assistant will staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192,660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluation:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES:

Michael Paul informed the Board about the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) new option for the County to exercise a right of first refusal for the school-based health centers, which would allow the OHA to set up direct contracts with the provider the County chooses. Under this option, the County would not receive any funding for the School-Based health Centers; rather, the grant would go directly to the provider. The County would not be responsible for oversight or compliance. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the pros and cons. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to exercise the right of first refusal. However, Commissioner Heimuller was concerned that the County would not receive status reports so all agreed it would be beneficial to require utilization and expenditure reports so the County could evaluate whether to recommend the

current provider, Columbia Health Services, at the next biennium. Michael Paul reviewed the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (TPEP) requirements and informed the BOC about the highly probable deduction in state funding for TPEP. He provided information on the current funding level and the new proposed funding scenarios for 2019-21. Discussion followed about the regulatory aspects of the program. Commissioner Magruder asked about the most likely future funding scenario. Scenario B was discussed at length. Michael Paul discussed the Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Program (ADPEP). Discussion followed about the program requirements and flow of money from the OHA to Columbia Community Mental Health to Columbia Health Services. Michael Paul proposed implementing TPEP and ADPEP at the County beginning on January 1, 2020. Commissioner Heimuller was concerned about a reduction in revenue for Columbia Health Services. The BOC approved phasing it out of the contract with Columbia Health Services and asked Michael Paul to discuss with Columbia Health Services Board at their meeting on 4/9/2019.

Executive Session 192.660(2)(h):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session under Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h), litigation: No action taken.

Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board voted on whether to take jurisdiction over the Don Campbell appeal of Building Permit Number 192-19-000377-MD. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Board taking jurisdiction. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd day of April, 2019.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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