

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 24, 2019

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)

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Steve Walti and Dave Weber, NW Natural Gas:

Discussion of the Mist Gas Field, Adams Storage Area (ADA008) Agreement scheduled 10 year adjustment for April 2019. They reviewed the conclusion presented in the email sent on March 19, 2019 to the County Counsel. It was agreed that the agreement identifies the use of the three year average daily price presented in the AECO C index from the inception of the agreement in 2009 and the three year average daily price presented in the AECO C index from 2019. The respective amounts are 2009 = \$6.37 and 2019 = \$1.51. Since there was no increase in the average daily price NW Natural will continue to use the Gross Domestic Product annual adjustment of the payment obligation for the next ten years.

They had a general discussion about the Gas Storage Business, the strategic location of the Port of St. Helens Port Westward energy generation and the Mist Gas Fields. We presented an update on the North Mist Expansion Project and the current commissioning of the newly developed compressor station and pipeline. We shared recent photographs of the construction activities at the NMEP Compressor Station and extended an invitation to the Commissioners to visit the site in July, 2019. We discussed the possible future growth of the Mist Gas Storage.

NW Natural agreed to send an electronic copy of the photographs to Karen Kane and Robin Rojas McIntyre.

Steve Pegram:

Steve briefed the Board on the search for a new location for the firing Range.

Chief Greisen, Chief Pricher, and Steve also discussed Dyno Nobel, and have invited the Board to tour the Dyno facility. A date will be scheduled and noticed at a future date.

Karen Schminke:

Karen Schminke met with the Board to provide a brief overview of various projects in the Land Development Services Department. She shared her vision for the department (a group of highly trained professionals, building on an existing strong foundation, guiding citizens through predictable, streamlined processes) and noted she is working with the LDS division supervisors to create a 5-10 year plan for the department. Ms. Schminke then provided an update regarding the department's code enforcement function; with the recent department reorganization LDS has begun the process to establish clear procedures for inter-department coordination for the code enforcement position. Other topics noted by Ms. Schminke included: the timeline for when the Board would see the IGA with the Rainier Drainage Improvement Company for the Oregon Business Grant for the levee certification project; she noted Suzie Dahl, County Building Official, was given a challenge coin by the Scappoose Rural Fire District for the positive working relationship she has been building with them; the County Planning Commission is still in need of volunteers to serve on the Commission; and she is scheduled for virtual tour of the Port of Columbia County on April 25th. There was also a brief discussion regarding the challenges the Oregon land use system provides when it comes to planning for growth.

Tristan Wood:

Tristan Wood, Assistant Public Works Director and Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the Public Works contract with GovPlanet for auction of surplus Public Works Equipment. GovPlanet will charge 6.5% to do the complete sale, inspection and listings on Ritchie Bros. Family of Equipment and Auction sites. They also offer a self-serve option where we can take the pictures and list the items. This comes at a cost of 2% of final sale price. The board recommended that the contract be broadened to the whole county with Tristan being the administrator of the contract currently. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Tristan also brought before the Board of Commissioners purchase orders, one for Pacific Corrugated Pipe for \$11,771.30 which was needed to be purchased for the Gable Road Emergency Culvert, and a purchase order for the purchase of Herbicide Chemicals from Wilbur-Ellis Company LLC. in the amount of \$7,234.60. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

With nothing further coming before the Board, The Board recessed their meeting until Monday at 1:00 p.m. to go into executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(b).

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of April, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Specialist