

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 15, 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:

PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS:

- **Communicable Disease Intervention Specialist Position:** Michael Paul presented the job description in conjunction with the funding sources. He discussed the reasons for separating communicable disease investigations from direct clinical service (immunizations and STD screening and treatment). Michael Paul discussed the funding levels for four program elements: State Support for Public Health; Tuberculosis Case Management; STD case Management Screening; Public Health Modernization Capacity Building. Commissioner Heimuller asked how this affected the County's contractor, Columbia Health Services. Discussion followed about access to clinical services in Columbia County and the County's responsibility for ensuring access to immunizations and STD screening and treatment. After review and discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the creation of the position of Communicable Disease Intervention Specialist and assign to non-exempt salary range 24 and authorize the Public Health Director to fill the position as of 7.1.19. The motion carried unanimously.***
- **Health Promotion Program** Michael addressed the funding reduction to the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (TPEP) in FY20. Currently, the County passes through all of the TPEP funding to Columbia Health Services. The state will provide "bridge" funding or current funding through 9/30/19. For October and thereafter, will receive less revenue to implement the program requirements. The size of the reduction is not decided yet, but the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Conference of Local Health Officials are discussing a proposed tiered model attached. Under the proposed funding model, Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) will self-select into tiers, which the OHA will fund at different levels. Confirmation of the local public health authority's tier selection is contingent on OHA's approval of a local program plan, which must be adopted by the governing body of the local public health authority (the Board of the Commissioners is also the Board of Health and the governing body of the local public health authority (Columbia County)). The "lowest" tier will be required, the

Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA) Response Tier (responding to ICAA complaints). Tier 1 focuses on capacity building and Tier 2 focuses on creating tobacco-free properties policies and a tobacco retail licensure program. Michael Paul discussed feedback received from Columbia Health Services. Discussion followed. Given the proposed changes to the program and the reduction in funding, Michael Paul requested the implementation of the TPEP program at the County beginning on October 1, 2019. Discussion followed. Michael Paul also proposed moving the Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Program (ADPEP) because of their related goals. Discussion followed. The Commissioners approved implementation of the TPEP and ADPEP programs at the County in FY20.

- **Program Element 51/52:** Michael informed the Commissioners about program elements 51 and 52, which are funded by public health modernization funds with the goal of reducing incidence of sexually transmitted diseases in the region (Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia). Program element 51 will be continued through September 30 and then Clatsop County will remain the fiscal agent for program element 52, beginning October 1 through the remainder of biennium. Clatsop County has sent a service agreement for the first three months of FY20 and a MOU describing the public health authorities' efforts to share data and information to reduce sexually transmitted diseases. Discussion followed about the service agreement. The Commissioners approved of the plan to complete the work at County and requested addition of the documents to next week's consent agenda.

VACATION OF A SECTION OF PINE AVENUE:

Tristan Wood, Assistant Public Works Director, met with the Board to discuss the vacation of Pine Ave in Scappoose. The roadway was never constructed but was platted with a subdivision around Bonneville Drive. The right-of-way is into one property with only one owner. They have submitted a request to vacate the portions adjoined from three sides of their property. With the portion on the petitioner's property being between 18-20% grade, the Board generally supported the vacation and encouraged Public Works to move forward with the hearing process.

PROPOSED COUNTY SPEED HUMP POLICY:

While present, Tristan addressed the Speed Hump Policy. Generally, everyone is supportive of the Policy moving forward. Robin McIntyre would like to see some of the language changed to read more like a policy before implementation.

LAWRENCE ROAD:

Tristan Wood, along with Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor, discussed Lawrence Road. Further research has found that the County may have not officially vacated a portion of Lawrence Road correctly. Nathan will complete his research and he and Tristan will report back to the Board on options to move forward.

CORRECTIONS BIENNIAL REVIEW:

Janet Evans presented a summary of the two audits recently completed for the Corrections Department. Phase I of the JustUs audit has been completed. The process was interesting and interactive, involving both juvenile and adult divisions, and focused on evidence-based practices. The overall findings encouraged more communication about our practices and the evidence which supports the decisions. The field is changing nationally so there is research to support the decisions we are making, however, we need to ensure that this is shared with staff when offering direction. The staff are very interested in a “coaching” model as opposed to a typical management model of providing supervision. Therefore, the management team is looking at the model and building in the coaching process for enhanced communication and growth. The great news is that the evaluation noted that the staff are eager to participate and positive about the process. Phase II will include a strategic process in developing an evidence-based “Columbia County” Model for Adult and Juvenile Services. We will invite the JustUS facilitators to present after Phase II.

We also received the Department of Corrections audit that demonstrates compliance with the IGA and the OARS related to our role in Adult corrections. The report clearly states that Columbia County is substantially in compliance with our biennial plan, as well as statutes and OARS. However, the report did indicate areas where we can improve in data collection and entry to improve the ability to demonstrate success. Janet is currently working with the support staff, probation officers and supervisors to improve these efforts. This aligns with the Phase 1 goals in communicating process and outcome.

TRISTAN WOOD – ORDER NO. 29-2019:

This matter was addressed during the morning session.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of May, 2019.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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