

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 5, 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:

- Commissioner Magruder shared a recent conversation with Ken Bernet about someone parking/living in the right-of-way along Dike Road. Ken has contacted both the Sheriff's office and the Road Department. So the Board is aware should they get a call from Ken, the Road Department is handling this.
- The Board reviewed all of the upcoming parades throughout the county and put them on their schedules. St. Helen's Kiwanis is 6.15.19; Clatskanie is 7.4.19; Rainier Days 7.13.19; and Vernonia Jamboree is 8.3.19.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming contract with Columbia Health Services. They are not in agreement with the County wanting to start collecting rental payments on the building and are talking about shutting down the office. For years the rent on this building has been free, but the County now has it included it in the contract and CHS is not happy with that. The Board would consider this a topic of negotiation of the contract. CHS will be meeting next Tuesday and may be taking a vote at that time as to whether or not they will shut down the Gable Road office.

LOWER COLUMBIA MARITIME ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION:

Chuck Daughtry, Executive Director of Columbia County Economic Development Team, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel, came before the Board to discuss the proposed resolution for the Re-designation of the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. Chuck provided a summary of the proposed resolution. He indicated that Clatsop County withdrew its sponsorship from this enterprise zone and created its own enterprise zone. The proposed resolution would re-designate the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone, re-appoint the Zone Manager for this enterprise zone, authorize the Columbia County Economic Team to submit documentation to the Oregon Department of Business Development, and permit qualified businesses to obtain property tax exemption in this enterprise zone. This Resolution needs to be approved by June 30, 2019. Commissioner Tardif asked why is this the zone boundary. Have we planned this out and are being intentional with it? Chuck stated that this is how the zone was originally established.

After discussion, ***Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to adopt Resolution No. 37-2019, "In the Matter of Authorizing Re-Designation of the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Tardif opposed. The motion carried.***

Discussion followed regarding how the Columbia County Economic Team should operate in the future. There was discussion on whether the team should re-designate enterprise zones with specific target areas or continue to designate entire cities.

PURCHASE OF LOADER/MOWER FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT:

This item was pulled and carried over.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property:

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

REQUEST TO FILL GIS TECHNICIAN POSITION:

Sue Martin, County Assessor, came before the Board to request authorization to fill the GIS Technician position full-time as of July 1, 2019. The funding is currently in the budget. Because the position is moving from less than half-time to full-time, she will be required to go through the recruitment process. She would like to do that early enough to have the position start by July 1st. After discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Margruder seconded to authorize the County Assessor to fill the full time GIS Technician position, effective 7.1.29. The motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - Bargaining:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(a) - Employment:

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

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator