

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 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:

- ***Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the out-of-state travel for Melinda Serfling and Megan Bubar with the Department of Adult Corrections for travel to National Harbor Maryland for the NADCP/Drug Court Conference, 7/13/19 – 7/17/19. The motion carried unanimously.***
- Jan Greenhalgh asked for confirmation on who would be attending the NACO Annual Conference in July and the AOC Board of Directors Retreat in August. All three Board members will be attending the AOC Retreat. No Board member will be attending the NACO conference. Jan will make the arrangement.

ORDER 59-2019 – LIVESTOCK KILL BY DOG OWNED BY ANNA LOPEZ:

Tiffany Johnson, Assistant County Counsel, met with the Board regarding In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by a Dog Owned by Anna Lopez. This discussion topic was not listed on the Board's Work Session Agenda. However, the Board directed Ms. Johnson to prepare an Order based on its decision and findings at the public hearing held earlier in the day for this matter and directed her to present it at the Work Session. Ms. Johnson provided the Board a copy of Order 59-2019, In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by a Dog Owned by Anna Lopez, and summarized the Order for Board discussion and consideration. Commissioners and Ms. Johnson discussed the process for owners of livestock killed by dogs to obtain restitution for the value of livestock killed. Ms. Johnson summarized state law on this issue. Ms. Johnson informed the Board that state law allows livestock owners to request the Board order restitution; however, the request must be supported by the affidavit of at least one non-biased person that can verify the facts and value of the livestock. Ms. Johnson stated the Board can address the issue of restitution at the hearing where the Board makes a determination on whether a dog has killed, wounded, injured or chased livestock. Ms. Johnson stated she would follow up with the Board to provide more details on state law on this issue.

Commissioner Heimuller stated that Ms. Sherman, owner of the livestock killed in this matter, had an opportunity to request restitution at the public hearing and that she did not do so. At the hearing, Ms. Sherman stated that she only planned to provide testimony of the dates of incidences involving Ms. Lopez's dog Bolt. She did not testify because Animal Control Officer Roger Kadell's investigation report included that information.

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Order 59-2019, "In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by a Dog Owned by Anna Lopez". The motion carried unanimously.

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

This matter was pulled and will be rescheduled.

NO PARKING ORDINANCE:

Mike Russell and Lonny Welter, Road Department, presented the Board with a draft ordinance proposal on "Vehicle Parking and Towing Regulations". Key items of the draft ordinance were discussed. Upon recommendations of minor changes and continued coordination with County Counsel, the Board authorized staff to continue working on the ordinance which will help address developing situations across the County.

JP WEST ROAD PROPERTY:

While present, Mike Russell and Lonny Welter, along with Assistant County Counsel Robin McIntyre, met with the Board to discuss a piece of County-owned property on JP West Road. The subject property is described as Tax Lot #03-02-12 TL 1302 and is a very small sliver along JP West Road that was intended to be dedicated as public right-of-way, but was ultimately acquired as property in fee. Lonny and Robin gave some background history on the acquisition of this property.

With the intention of the property owner of Tax Lot 1300 to develop, it is in the interest of the County to move forward with converting the property to dedicated public right-of-way. This will need to be coordinated with the City of Scappoose as they recently took this section of JP West into their jurisdiction from the County.

The Board generally agreed that staff should proceed with converting the status of the property to dedicated right-of-way. Staff will return to the Board with the necessary information for the Board to act on at a later time.

ROAD PAINT PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION:

Mike Russell, Public Works Director, asked for the Board's authorization to purchase road paint in the amount of \$138,612.50. The paint price increased this year due to the use of an oil-based paint instead of water-based. After discussion, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to authorize the purchase of paint as presented. The motion carried unanimously.***

MUTUAL INTERSTATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT:

Sheriff Pixley addressed the Mutual Interstate Law Enforcement Agreement and the purpose of this agreement. After a brief discussion, ***Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the Mutual Interstate Law Enforcement Agreement with Cowlitz, Wakhiakum, Pacific and Clatsop counties and authorize Sheriff Pixley to sign. The motion carried unanimously***

REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S BUDGET:

While present, Sheriff Pixley re-addressed his request for certification pay for the Chief Deputy position. Commissioner Tardif had asked for some budget information prior to approval. After review of the budget, ***Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the certification pay for the Chief Deputy position. The motion carried unanimously.***

WEBSITE DESIGN UPDATE:

Karen Kane was present to give the Board an update on the new website design. Commissioner Heimuller asked about having a County phone directory available on the web site. Staff indicated that there would be a staff and facility directory with phone numbers. He also asked about what could be done to help reduce the number of calls for the State Courts from coming to county staff. It was decided that a Columbia County Circuit Court link would be included on the site that would direct users to the State Courts pages and contact information. Finally, Commissioner Heimuller wanted the Elections button to reflect the "current" election, so people would understand that it was a seasonal button. Staff said that the button graphic could say the abbreviated month and year, to reflect the current upcoming election. Robin McIntyre said that she'd like to see the order of the medallions changed so that the Pay Online was not the first and Commissioner Magruder seconded that and said she'd like to see Minutes & Agendas be first. Commissioners Tardif and Heimuller would like to have better photos included in the Commissioners area. A discussion was had concerning the footer image with the Commissioners indicating that they didn't think of Mt. St. Helens as a Columbia County symbol. They preferred that that area show something that is actually in the County, such as the Historic Courthouse, the Falls, the lodge at Camp Wilkerson, some of the beautiful tree covered hills, the swans in the slough at Trojan Park, or an aerial of the Clatskanie River. Staff said that they would mock something up to come back to them with for comment.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

While present, Karen Kane relayed the discussions and outcomes from the first Strategic Planning meeting. Karen walked the Board through the agenda and spoke about the discussions the group had. She also noted the items that the team was not able to get to in the meeting, which will be addressed in the next meeting. The team has decided to "front load" the work and meet every two weeks instead of once per month.

This shows the commitment and excitement the team has for the project. They will meet again on July 11.

PUBLIC ROAD EVENT PERMITS/INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS:

Cherie Moylan, Public Works Department, came before the Board with (4) Public Road Event Permits/Indemnity Agreements for the following:

1. Seattle to Portland Bike Ride:
2. Ralph Painter Memorial Run:
3. Hood-to-Coast Relay:
4. Wings & Wheels Half Marathon

After discussion, the Board added these to next week's consent agenda.

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

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