

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 24, 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 Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Alex Tardif and Jacyn Normine shared a retirement lunch with Jan Greenhalgh. Jan worked for the Board of Commissioners for over 28 years. Jan was hired while Commissioner Dale Heimuller was in office working with approx. 17 Commissioners over the years. Jan will be missed as she shared knowledge, history, and friendship to many throughout the County.

Jan, Happy retirement thank you for your service over the last 28 plus years.

FOLLOWUP ON FINANCE STAFFING & BOARD STAFFING:

Rescheduled for the July 31st 2019 Works Session

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.

The Board went into executive session under 192.660(2)(d). Upon returning to regular session, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to deny the Local 697 Baker Step 3 grievance as the County has the absolute management right to assign workers as it sees fit. The motion pass unanimously.

Commissioner Magruder then moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to direct that Lori Baker be returned to working solely in the Parks until such time as the Board has a resolution to the Local 697 Retention of Workers grievance filed earlier in the year. In discussion, the Board recognized that, while it was not necessary to take this step, they realized it was the best way to maintain the commitment made to analyze the situation as expressed to the Local. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Heimuller directed Jean Ripa to reschedule the Finance Staffing and Board Staffing agenda items to the 7/31 agenda.

Commissioner Tardif later moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the County proceeding to arbitration over the Local 697 Deschamps grievance. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tardif then moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the County proceeding to arbitration over the Local 697 CPI grievance. The motion pass unanimously.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST:

Land Development Services Director, Karen Schminke, presented information to the Board regarding a request for a waiver of fees associated with bringing a septic system into compliance. The existing system had been constructed without permits (probably in the mid-1990's) and is not acceptable for use. The property owner paid the initial \$676.00 site visit authorization fee. Due to the conditions identified onsite, the project has been reclassified as a "major repair" and the property owner is requesting a waiver of the required additional \$379.00 in permit fees.

The Board had a number of questions regarding the construction of the existing system, the length of time the applicant has owned the property, the status of the various vehicles parked on the property, and the additional County permits required to bring the property into compliance. Commissioner Magruder moved the Board approve the \$379.00 fee waiver with this being a one-time only granting of a waiver; Commissioner Tardif seconded. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Heimuller voting NO.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th 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: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Specialist