

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 14, 2019

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

Board Discussion:

Jacyn Normine discussed with the Board about updating and correcting outlook calendars. Jacyn will work individually with each commissioner to make sure that all calendars are current.

The Board of Commissioners want to revisit the job descriptions for the Public Information Coordinator position and have discussion at an upcoming work session meeting. They want to make sure that the County is covering all aspects of media.

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS AND WILDLIFE MITIGATION EFFORTS:

Steve Pegram, Emergency Management Director along with PGE representatives Troy Galiano, Local Government Affairs and Jack Podlesnik, Director Utility Programs, Design & Constuction: briefed the Board on their ongoing mitigation and planning for wildfires.

NO PARKING ORDINANCE:

Mike Russell, County Public Works Director and Lonny Welter, County Transportation Planner, brought the draft of the County Vehicle Parking and Towing Regulation for discussion. Mike and Lonny asked the Board if they were comfortable with the draft thus far and if they had any questions. Lonny did state that he had added a line to Section III (line K), to prohibit parking vehicles in the road Right-Of-Way that will inhibit the safe sight distance of neighboring access. The Board was good with the new line (K). However the Board was uncomfortable with Section III line B, so that line will be struck from the document. Otherwise the Board was happy with the work. Mike and Lonny will double back with the Sheriff's Office and the County Code Enforcement Officer for their comments.

Lonny and Robin McIntyre Sr. Assistant County Counsel will meet soon to fine tune the actual wording and other technical items and report back to the Board with a proposed final draft.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b). The Board moved to Room 310, upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board. The meeting was moved back to the BOC meeting room.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE RAFFLE:

Jean Ripa then asked if the Board would approve her using County email to advertise a Sheriff's Office raffle of donated bikes to benefit the Sheriff's Office volunteer program. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the use of County email for this purpose. The motion passed unanimously.

FACILITIES/PARKS ORGANIZATION:

Jean Ripa noted that, while the discussion regarding Facilities/Parks organization has been delayed, General Services is still facing a vacancy caused by the 12 month Military deployment of one of the Maintenance staff. She also noted that the hours allowed to be worked by the current temporary worker would be ending soon. She recommended that the Board allow the General Services Director fill the 12 month vacancy, with the explicit statement to the candidate hired about the potential ending of the position should the deployed employee decide to return to the job. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize the General Services Director to fill the 12 month vacancy of Facilities worker. The motion passed with Commissioners Heimuller and Magruder voting in favor and Commissioner Tardif voted against.

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 Administrator