

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 11, 2019

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

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Magruder will be attending the O&C Conference on December 13, 2019, they will be discussing O&C Lands vs. Forest Lands management. She will bring back a full report to share with Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Tardif.

AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY PLAN/COMMITTEE:

Mike Paul, Public Health Director, informed the Board that the ASA Committee is meeting quarterly and has agreed on a timeline to revise the ASA plan before July 1, 2020. Michael Paul reviewed the key components of the plan that need to be updated: maps; medical oversight; process for review of response times; fees. Discussion followed about the plan and the use of fees in other counties to fund a medical director and an EMS program. Extensive discussion followed around response times, licensing, staffing. Mike Fletcher, Chair of ASA Committee, was unable to attend today.

CONTRACT WITH COLUMBIA HEALTH SERVICES:

Michael Paul, Public Health Director, reviewed the contract with Columbia Health Services for clinical preventive services and nurse home visiting and informed the BOC that CHS is currently not providing the nurse home visiting services because lack of staffing. Discussion followed. Michael Paul reviewed the expenditure reports provided by CHS for quarter. Discussion followed. Michael Paul updated the BOC about the Tuberculosis case numbers and the TB program funding. Discussion followed. Michael Paul asked the BOC for feedback about hiring a nurse program manager to join the regional public health modernization project. No Action was taken

PUBLIC HEALTH FY20 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

Mike Paul, Public Health Director, informed the BOC that the PH department will need to complete a supplemental budget for fy20 because of the addition of new programs, state changes, and new staff. No Action was taken.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS /CRI:

Michael Paul provided an overview of the public health emergency preparedness budget and requested feedback on out-of-state travel for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to attend a national conference. Discussion followed and the BOC requested an update of the work plan and activities

for the PHEP program. The BOC directed Michael Paul to schedule an overview for a BOC meeting in January.

Upcoming Levy:

Brian Pixley, Sheriff and Sarah Hanson, County Counsel met with the Board to discuss the upcoming Jail Levy. Hearing will be scheduled at the Rainier Transit Building on January 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and a Hearing will be held on February 5, 2020 at the regular scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

Humane Society Contract:

Brian Pixley, Sheriff discussed the Animal Control / CHS contract and hiring personnel. No Action was taken.

Abandoned RV's:

Brian Pixley, Sheriff has been talking with local tow companies regarding abandoned R.V's and disposing of them. On November 6, 2019 Ordinance No. 2019-5 In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Parking and Towing Ordinance was approved. During this Hearing Steve Gump, owner of Grumpy's Towing expressed concerns about the cost to dispose of these vehicles. Sheriff Pixley updated the BOC on these conversations and the plans to work together with the tow companies. No Action was taken.

Fair Board Applicant:

Julie Pelletier met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss becoming a member of the Columbia County Fair Board. No Action was taken.

Katie Marsh who was on the agenda to meet with the Board to discuss becoming a member of the Columbia County Fair Board was rescheduled to 12.18.19.

State Required Building Code:

Land Development Services Director, Karen Schminke, and County Building Official, Suzi Dahl, met with the Board and discussed the local impact of changes in Chapter One (Scope and Administration) of the 2019 Oregon Structural and Specialty Code (OSSC) that is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2020. Staff expressed concern that the significant changes in this chapter would create issues with consistency in administration of the codes as well as enforcement issues. Given the limited time window before the new Code goes into effect, County staff recommends, and State Building Codes Division is supportive of, Columbia County adopting the 2014 OSSC Chapter 1 Scope and Administration as a temporary fix to maintain current services. The Board was comfortable with this approach and agreed to have this item included on their December 18, 2019 Consent Agenda.

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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