

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

January 8, 2020

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

Board Discussion:

ORDER No. 04-2020 “In the Matter of Adopting Service Reductions for Columbia County Rider Transportation”:

Todd Wood Transit Director, gave a staff report at the morning meeting under hearings, to consider proposed service reductions to Columbia County Rider. The lines most impacted by reductions will be line 2, line 3 and Dial-A-Ride services. Little to no expected impact on line 1, line 5 and line 6. Commissioners Tardif, Magruder and Heimuller were in support of the service reductions and Robin McIntyre presented the final order at this afternoon work session. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Order No. 4-2020 “In the Matter of Adopting Service Reductions for Columbia County Rider Transportation”. The motion carried unanimously

Jacyn Normine Board Office Administrator, talked to the Board about publication fees for hearings and asked if the Board of Commissioners budget should be paying these fees or if the department that is associated with the hearing should be covering the cost. The Board recommended that she talk with the Finance Director to see if there are any statutory requirements the BOC pay the fees.

Jacyn presented the New Legends Contract and Invoice to the Board for clarification on which account to pay the final invoice from, also pointed out that the contracts completion date had expired. Tiffany Johnson Assistant County Counsel will amend the contract with a completion date of 12.31.2019 and Jacyn will review the final invoice and accounts with Commissioner Heimuller for payment.

Jacyn has scheduled time for Larry Weaver to attend an afternoon work session with the Board on 01.15.2020 to discuss membership on the JOCAC committee and Larry is unavailable to attend. Jacyn will reschedule for 01.22.2020.

PRO TEMPORE JUSTICE COURT:

Judge Diana Taylor Justice Court Judge, was present to discuss a second Pro Tempore for Justice Court. No action was taken.

HISTORICAL SITES:

Les Watters Historical Museum Curator, presented new website for the Historical Sites in Columbia County that he is currently working on. Les has been scanning inventory that is part of the County’s comprehensive plan, after viewing the website and discussion the Board is comfortable with his continued scanning of the historic property inventory. Karen Schminke Land Development Director, will attempt to

identify what the funding source was for the historical inventory he is currently scanning and what funds, if any, maybe available to update the inventory. Les is also working to get the property locations identified on Google maps.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Mike Russell and members of the Strategic Planning Committee; Melinda Gartman, Sarah Hanson, Karen Kane, Sue Martin, Steve Pegram, and Jean Martwick. Committee members not present were Suzie Dahl, Zach Holter, Brian Pixley, and Stacia Tyacke. The Committee is asking the Board not only to adopt the proposed Goals & Outcomes, but to buy-in to them and commit to moving them forward.

Mr. Russell reviewed the memo outlining the process that the Committee has gone through up to this point and asked the consultant supporting the project, Patsy Feeman, to characterize the process so far. Ms. Feeman discussed the process and said that she is very happy with where the group is and looks forward to what is next. Commissioner Heimuller expressed his gratitude and acknowledged that the project has gone outside the scope of what was originally intended for the consultant.

Mr. Russell went on to present the Goals and their respective Outcomes outlined in the memo; Communication, Organizational Excellence, and Economic Stability and Economic Development.

Commissioner Heimuller asked if these were prioritized. Mr. Russell said no, but that will be considered when developing the work plan. Commissioner Heimuller said he completely agrees with the internal focus of the plan.

Commissioner Magruder agreed and congratulated the Committee on the great work. She said she appreciated not using fluffy language, but going for action language that points to doing something.

Commissioner Heimuller moved to approve the Goals and Outcomes as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heimuller asked that the Committee report back soon on what Ms. Feeman's role should be going forward.

Commissioner Magruder liked the Umatilla County brochure and encouraged the Committee to develop something similar for the roll out of the plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board recessed from the regular scheduled meeting to go into executive session under ORS 192.660. Upon coming out of executive session no action was taken.

ACCOUNTING CLERK POSITION:

This item was pulled and rescheduled for the 01.22.2020 work session.

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT:

Kim Miller has submitted an application to be a member of the Columbia County Planning Commission, she met with the Board of Commissioners and Karen Schminke to discuss possible membership of Planning Commission. No action was taken.

ROAD NAMING:

Karen Schminke Land Development Director, reviewed three separate requests for road names. All three have been through the County’s vetting process which includes review by relevant emergency services districts. The three requests discussed were:

- 1) Assign the name of “Souther Lane” to the new private road that will provide access from Beaver Homes Road to the three new lots being created by Major Partition (MP 19-12).
- 2) Assign the name of “Rock Quarry Way” to an existing access into Tide Creek Aggregates existing mining operation that is located off Columbia River Highway near Deer Island.
- 3) Assign the name of “Maple Meadows Avenue” to a newly constructed public road within Hillcrest Subdivision, parts 1 and 2 (located near Scappoose) that was originally platted with a name of “Maple Avenue”.

The Board was comfortable with the information presented and agreed to have these three requests on the consent agenda at a regular meeting once the Board Orders have been prepared.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Alex Tardif, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Jacyn Normine
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