

## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### BOARD MEETING

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 8, 2020

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

#### **Board Discussion:**

Commissioner Heimuller updated his search on portable showers for the homeless population. He has found one in Florida that would be ready in about 4 weeks that would cost \$40,000.00 plus. There is one in Indiana that is coming off the assembly line today that would be in \$30,000.00 price range.

Commissioner Magruder has talked with the Berries NW in Clatskanie and there is a possibility that the County could borrow or purchase their portable shower-restroom.

Commissioner Tardif has reached out to Mayor of St. Helens about the possibility of re-opening McCormick Park for the use of the showers.

Commissioner Heimuller talked a little about the email that was sent by Lindsey Elder in regards to opening the County Parks by the end of May. Bottom line we are going to have to wait to hear from the Governor's office and what the restrictions are at that time.

#### **SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

Sarah Hanson, Columbia County Counsel, Jeff Auxier, District Attorney discussed item F Order No. 29-2020 In the Matter of a Sole Source Procurement for Specialty Court Services from Columbia River Partnerships for Change that was pulled from the April 1<sup>st</sup> consent agenda. After discussion Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order No. 29-2020 with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COUNTER SHIELDS:**

Jean Ripa, HR Director brought to the Board for discussion counter shields for public counters that staff has relayed that would like to have. Commissioner Heimuller has concerns with the size of this project. This will need to be budgeted and it needs to be done correctly not halfhearted. The Board would want to see plans/blueprints and are these sneeze guards or a security shields. Commissioner Magruder has concerns that this would cause disconnect from the public if we place shields on all public facing counters.

Commissioner Tardif brought to attention a couple of years ago General Services was given \$50k to start a Courthouse remodel, will this project be something that will be removed once the remodel starts? Lindsey Elder, General Services shared that these guards would hang from the ceiling and anchor at the counter and they would not be the full length of the counter but designed to each department's needs. Land Development Services has already talked with General Services and plans have been drawn up and the materials have been ordered, the cost came in at approx. \$540.00. The Commissioners asked that Lindsey get the Board the drawings on the LDS design before moving forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board recessed from the regular scheduled meeting to go into Executive Session under 192.660(2)(d). Upon returning to the regular scheduled meeting no action was taken.

**CLEAN HARBORS:**

Mike Russell, Public Works Director, Kathleen Boutin- Pasterz Solid Waste Coordinator, along with Charles Lamb and Michael Mason, Clean Harbors came to the Board to discuss a rate increase with Clean Harbors.

On September 20, 2017, the Board of Commissioners approved extending the Household Hazardous Waste Collection contract between Clean Harbors and Columbia County until 2021.

Clean Harbors accepted the extension of the HHW contract with Columbia County and as part of the extension requested a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 2.2% CPI per the contract terms. On February 4, 2018, the CPI increase and extension of the contracted were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

As of March 5, 2020 Clean Harbors requests 10% increase for their Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Contract pricing for 2020.

Commissioner Tardif is in favor of moving forward with the 10% increase. However, the CPI should have had this increase worked in at the extension that was approved in 2018.

Commissioner Heimuller would like Mike Russell, Public Works Director to negotiate the increase.

Commissioner Magruder would like Mike Russell, Public Works Director to negotiate the increase to less than 10%

It has been agreed by the Board of Commissioners that Mike Russell, Public Works Director will negotiate the price increase with Clean Harbors and look at the CPI over the last 5 years.

With nothing further to come before this Board the meeting adjourned.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020

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