

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 15, 2020

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

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Tardif, Commissioner Magruder and Commissioner Heimuller attended a zoom call pertaining to Columbia County Economic Recovery hosted by Della Graham, Resilience and Community Preparedness Coordinator, Columbia County Department of Emergency Management. No action was taken.

PCC IGA:

John Dreeszen, Columbia County Transit Director brought to the Board to discuss the PCC IGA & 4th Quarter Payment – CC Rider invoiced PCC for the final quarterly payment under our current IGA and they say they don't need service this quarter based on their Rock Creek and Willow Creek Campuses are closed through the spring and presumably don't want to pay.

The Board directed staff to contact PCC and attempt to negotiate a partial payment.

EMERGENCY SERVICE REDUCTION CC RIDER:

John Dreeszen, Columbia County Transit Director At the Board's request, Staff developed and proposed a set of emergency service reductions designed to reduce expenses and reduce safety issues for both drivers and riders. Having discussed the proposed service reductions with ODOT representative Arla Miller and learned that new FTA funding would be available to sustain current service levels and recapture some lost revenue, Staff revised its recommendation to suspend service on Line 2 – PCC/185th only.

The Board agreed with this recommendation and asked Counsel to prepare the appropriate emergency order for passage at an upcoming meeting.

MTR CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

John Dreeszen Columbia County Transit Director requested that the Board consider revising it's currently pending contract amendment to include a provision for a temporary rate adjustment that would apply during the period that temporary service reductions are in place.

The Board declined this request and requested instead that the currently pending contract amendment be signed by MTR and the Board prior to any consideration of additional rate adjustments.

LAWRENCE ROAD GATE:

Mike Russell, Public Works Director/Road Master, presented a report on Lawrence Road. Mike went through the recent history of the status of the road and explained that, because of new information being found, staff has reversed its determination that the road is not a County road and that it is a County road and that any gates on the road should be regulated under a permit from the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Magruder asked about the location of the gate placed by Mr. January and relayed concerns from the neighbor who does not like the location. Mr. Russell said that the gate is actually in a good location that allows vehicle turn around. Commissioner Magruder said that she could not approve an order establishing the gate until this issue has been resolved. Mr. Russell said he would work on it.

Commissioner Heimuller asked about the possibility of vacating the unimproved portion of the road. Mr. Russell said that this did come up during the recent neighborhood meeting and that he had passed on the relevant information to Mr. January to have the neighbors consider. Commissioner Tardif stated he thought that vacating this section could potentially land lock up to three parcels with no form of access. Mr. Russell said that the neighbors would have to work together to establish access easements to make a vacation work.

No further action was taken by the Board and Mr. Russell said he would continue to work with the neighborhood to address these issues.

1ST STREET (Goble) VACATION REQUEST:

Mr. Russell presented a petition by Mr. Theo Howe to vacate a 100-foot by 60-foot portion of 1st Street in the plat of Goble. Mr. Russell presented the Road Official's report stating that the road is part of a plat that was created without thought to constructability. As a result, the neighbors have used a combination of private easements and the right-of-ways to create access to properties. He said this portion of 1st Street is one section that will probably never be constructed.

Mr. Howe confirmed that he and the neighbors have the necessary access to their respective properties and that he is wanting the vacation to site a septic system for his property. Mr. Russell said staff supports the vacation request.

The Board agreed with the Road Official's report and will consider a Board Order approving the vacation request at next week's meeting.

IGA with the CITY OF SCAPPOOSE:

Land Development Services Director, Karen Schminke, met with the Board and reviewed the proposed draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services between Columbia County and the City of Scappoose. It was noted that the prior IGA expired in 2013 and this document will apply retroactively to that last date; the format and content of this proposed IGA is similar to an IGA the County has had in place with the City of Saint Helens since 2017 for this same purpose.

The Board was comfortable with the proposed IGA and agreed to have it placed on the consent agenda at a regular meeting after the City of Scappoose has returned a signed agreement to the County.

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

Dated this 15th day of April, 2020

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