

## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### BOARD MEETING

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 19, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Henry Heimuller Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Alex Tardif, joined along with county staff and members of the public via telecommunication

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

No Board Discussion

#### **STAFF ITEMS:**

**Custodian Limited Duration Position:** Casey Garrett, General Services Director requested to create a limited duration custodian position for up to two years. This position would be funded by federal COVID relief funds. Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded the creation of the position of Custodian and assign to salary range 19 and authorize the General Services Director to fill. Commissioner Tardif has concerns of the impact to our budget long term and the unknown funding next year and the custodian position impacting the general fund over the next two years and abstained. After discussion, the motion passed.

Casey announced that Lindsay Elder will be transferring over to Public Health and he is requesting to create a position that would have more Administrative Support over General Services as well as Parks. The Board directed Casey to work with Jean Ripa, HR Director to discuss what this position would look like and bring back for further discussion.

Casey is also requesting to fill the Facilities Services Tech vacancy approved in the current budget. This position will remain open, No action taken.

**Community Corrections Department:** Today, Assistant Director of State of Oregon Department of Corrections, Jeremiah Stromberg joined the Board in discussion and shared his views on how Community Justice Departments are structured.

Juvenile Probation Officers, Josh Luttrell, Liz Ring and Stacey Vandergriff, are supportive to keep the structure as it is as a joint department with the Adult Division, or a stand-alone division, they do not feel that the Juvenile Department should be housed under the Sheriff's Office. Josh Luttrell stated "we are here to serve the community and will respect the decision of the Board and look forward to the direction moving forward".

Adult Probation Officers, Ken Border, Melinda Serfling were present to express their support and/or concerns with merging the departments. The Adult Probation Officers are in support of merging with the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Gerhard Fiebich is in favor of the Corrections Divisions merging with the CCSO and creating a partnership.

Stacia Tyacke, Juvenile Division Supervisor echoed the Juvenile Probation officer's support of the Juvenile Department to remain with the Adult Division, a stand-alone division but not housed under the County Sheriff. Stacia also echoed that they are here to serve and will respect the decision of the Board and look forward to the direction moving forward.

Sheriff Pixley, The inclusion of Community Justice with the Sheriff's Office will ensure that the efforts of the two primary service providers, the jail and parole and probation, will be collaborative and coordinated to help ensure community safety and work towards rehabilitation of offenders. This improved organizational structure will reduce the contradictory practices, strategies and messages the current system is providing to our staff, inmates, clients and partners. He provided a lists of potential advantages and disadvantages.

The Board will continue this discussion under executive session under 192.660(2)(d)(f) on Friday, August 21, 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

192.660(2)(d) has been pulled from today's agenda.

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

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Board Office Administrator

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Alex Tardif, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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