

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Robin McIntyre Sr. Count Counsel, and Kathy Coddington Board Office Specialist, with county staff and members of the public via telecommunication.

Commissioner Tardif called the meeting to order.

STAFF ITEMS

Out of State Travel Request:

Mike Russell, Public Works Director and Tristan Wood, Public Works Assistant Director came to the meeting to explain why they need out of state travel. The company is needing to update the deicer and outfit the new deicer truck. The company would like to do the work that will take roughly 8 hours, and then train the employees on the equipment. This would require the workers a hotel night stay out of state. The trucks help to save the county money over sanding icy roads. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve out of state travel. The motion carried unanimously.

Railroad crossing Orders for ODOT improvements to the Bennett and Millard Road Intersections

Mike Russell, Public Works Director informed the board that the Order was ready to have ODOT to continue their work on these intersections. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve orders to ODOT improvement to railroad crossings intersections at Bennett and Millard Road authorizing Mike Russell to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Prescott Onsite Update

Erin O'Connell, Environmental Service Specialist and Mike Paul, Public Health Director came with an update. Notices have been issued on this declining septic tank. The last notice stating that all use for the current septic tank will be done as of 10/31/2020 will not be achievable. They will be extending that notice until the end of the year. All home owners that are attached to this septic tank have started with the application process.

Hardship waiver of fees

Erin O'Connell, Environmental Service Specialist came with two applications for fee waiver. After discussion Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the hardship waiver of fees for Peggy Balcuns at 72678 Hout St Rainer Oregon and Delmar Dixon at 72665 Riverview Road and the motion carried unanimously. . The motion carried unanimously pertaining to the Prescott Septic issue alone.

COVID Plan for Fairgrounds Auction Dinner

Shandi Hobizal, Columbia County Fair Grounds came before the Board to brief them on Fairgrounds Auction Dinner to be held on November 14. Shandi presented the COVID-19 plan. Mike Paul, Public Health Director and the Board direct the fairgrounds to move forward with the COVID-Plan with the suggestions of keeping a log for contact tracing, emailing the RSVP's the COVID requirements, and possible temperature checks at the door.

Public Information Officer

Julie Thompson, contracted Public Information Officer, has been directed to work with Commissioner Magruder, HR, counsel, and Jacyn Normine to create a scope of work contract and compensation and bring back for further discussion.

HVAC Upgrade

Casey Garrett, General Services Director came before the Board to give more information about needing extra money from CARES Act to support the need for the HVAC upgrade. He had originally asked for \$100k and the bid is for \$127k. The balance can come from approved projects that are under budget. The Board directs him to move forward with his contract and place on it on an upcoming consent agenda.

IT Support Staff

Holly Miller, IT Director came before the Board to tell them that she feels the need for a consultant to help with the Broadband project. She has a lot going on and would like to have a consultant to help. She feels that she might have the funds available in her budget and will come back if she needs further direction. The Board agrees by condenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660 (2)(a)(d) 30 min

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before this Board the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kathy Coddington
Board Office Specialist

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

