

# COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## BOARD MEETING

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 7, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Robin McIntyre Sr. Assistant County Counsel, Tiffany Johnson Assistant County Counsel, Jacyn Normine Board Administrator, with county staff and members of the public via telecommunication

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter into Executive Session under 192.660(2)(d) and 192.660 (2)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session no action was taken.

The Board opened the work session meeting to the Public at 2:31 PM

#### **STAFF ITEMS**

Erin O'Connell came before the board to discuss Columbia County Safety Culture. This discussion covered current practices, employee's observations and thoughts, a general check-in on a topic that is very important to many employees and that may have areas or opportunities for examination and improvement. After discussion, no action was taken.

Commissioner Tardif, excused himself from the meeting to attend an AOC meeting.

Karen Schminke, Land Development Director attended a Board meeting back in June for a general discussion regarding the pros and cons of holding a hearing versus opening the record for written comment in a remand review. In order to significantly reduce the potential of procedural errors and keep the focus of the review on the remaining assignment of error, staff is recommending to limit the review and comment to the remaining assignment of error, open the record for written comment only with the following time frames. Open comment; 21 days, Rebuttal; 21 days and Applicants final argument 14 days. The applicant would have an option to waive or request a reduced final argument period. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller is in support of the staff recommended time frames, Commissioner Magruder also is in support of staff recommendation. Karen will coordinate with Jacyn Normine, Board Administrator on the dates for legal notices.

Don Clack, Elections briefed the Board on the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant. The Grant application has been approved and will award \$26,516.00. Today Don is asking for the Boards approval to receive the grant. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved to approve the CTCL COVID-19 Grant and authorize the Chair to sign Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This agreement was assigned tracking number C86-2020.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No Board Discussion

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before this Board the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

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Dated this 7th day of October, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacyn Normine

Board Office Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Tardif, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

