

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD MEETING**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

November 17, 2020

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

The Board held a discussion regarding the Governors Order and new guidelines in regard to COVID-19 two week freeze that starts Wednesday November 18, 2020.

Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel reported that we have not received an executive order at this time and is unclear in what the freeze will include for business closures.

Mike Paul, Public Health Director updated the Board on the increased cases in Columbia County with 10 or more cases per day for 3 days in row. There is not enough staff to keep up with the contact tracing. Our test positivity rate is 1 in 10. This indicates a high degree of spread through the county. With no executive order to review from the Governor, Mike recommends that staff telework as much as possible, restricting use of shared space and modify employee schedules during the 2 week freeze.

Discussion was held on what the Surge Protocol is. The Surge Protocol is for communicable disease investigations when there are too many cases and not enough people to interview every case and notify every contact. Under the Surge Protocol cases are prioritized on age or underlying conditions first, interview as many cases as possible, and ask the contacts to notify anyone that they may have exposed and ask that they quarantine. After discussion, no action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No executive session for this meeting

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

Dated this 17th day of November, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacyn Normine

Board Office Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Tardif, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner