

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES**

**June 26, 2019**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder, together with Robin McIntyre, Senior Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Tardif was not present.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Board meeting and June 19, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

None.

**HEARING – RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES:**

This is the time set for the public hearing, “In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in Unincorporated Columbia County”.

Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, Solid Waste Coordinator, came before the Board to give the staff report. Each year, the County reviews solid waste collection rates using a uniform Detailed Cost Report (DCR) rate review procedure established in 2011, which is designed to provide the information necessary for the County to make rate setting decisions pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance. Under the DCR procedure, an operating ratio for each collection service area is determined using detailed cost data presented by each collection franchisee’s in a standard format prescribed by the County. The operating ratio is a measure, expressed as a percentage, of what proportion of a collection franchisee’s revenue is left over, before taxes, after paying for the variable costs of providing the service. The County has established a policy that an acceptable operating ratio shall be in the range of 8-14% with a target operating ratio of 11%. If the DCR for the previous year indicates an operating ration which is under 8%, a rate adjustment to the target 11% would be made. If the operating ratio falls within the 8-14%, no rate adjustment would be allowed.

In April, Waste Management and Waste Connections, the two solid waste collection franchisees serving rural Columbia County, submitted DCRs to the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). A map of the franchise collection service areas is contained in the staff report presented to the Board. SWAC met on May 2,

2019. Based on a review of the information submitted in support of the franchise hauler requests, SWAC and staff recommend approval of the rate adjustments as noted in the staff report, a 1.4% rate increase for rural Vernonia, a 4% rate increase for rural Clatskanie service area, a 6% rate increase for rural St. Helens service area, a 5% rate increase for rural Rainier, a 5% rate increase for the drop box service for rural Rainier Service and the allowable disposal pass thru of \$.17 for all service areas, effective July 1, 2019.

Evan Burmester, Waste Management, responded to Commissioner Heimuller's question regarding the rate correction for the Vernonia Rural area. Typically, when they do a rate increase for Columbia County, they have just applied a uniform percentage. This year, in review of their rates, they looked at the Vernonia Rural area every other week \$35 gallon rate, as a proportion of the weekly rate, as compared to the Scappoose Rural area rate. Using the Scappoose Rural rate was applied to the Vernonia Rural rate, to correct the disparity. A letter will be sent out to those affected regarding the rate adjustment.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Based on the staff report and recommendation by SWAC and county staff, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Order No. 57-2019, "In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in Unincorporated Columbia County", effective July 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 06.24.19.
- B. Ratify Memo to Finance Department re. Determination Regarding Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District's Request for Reimbursement and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- C. Ratify Memo to Finance Department re. Determination Regarding Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District's Request for Reimbursement and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Self-Insurance Fund Notice and Acknowledgment of Assessable and Financial Condition and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- E. Statement Acknowledging That Coverage Has Been Placed with Non-Admitted Carrier and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- F. Columbia County- Property Statement of Values for 2019-2020 Term and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- G. Approve Excess Earthquake Insurance Coverage with Landmark American.

- H. Amended Order No. 26-2018 (Amended to Correct Exhibits), "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)".
- I. Order No. 34-2019, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Timothy Rotter and Briana Rotter, Tax Map ID No. 4N2W35-BC-01000 and Tax Account No. 8381".
- J. Quitclaim Deed In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Timothy Rotter and Briana Rotter, Tax Map ID No. 4N2W35-BC-01000 and Tax Account No. 8381" and authorize the Chair to sign.
- K. Order No. 40-2019, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Caseman T. Thompson; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W16-CB-00700 and Tax Account No. 7616".
- L. Quitclaim Deed "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Caseman T. Thompson; Tax Map ID No. 4N2W16-CB-00700 and Tax Account No. 7616" and authorize the Chair to sign.
- M. Order No. 42-2019 In the Matter of Conveying Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Hillcrest Investments, Limited Partnership, Tax Map ID Nos. 3N2W22-BD-06600 and 3N2W22-BD-06700 and Tax Account Nos. 6497 and 6498
- N. Quitclaim Deed in the Matter of Conveying Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to Hillcrest Investments, Limited Partnership, Tax Map ID Nos. 3N2W22-BD-06600 and 3N2W22-BD-06700 and Tax Account Nos. 6497 and 6498; authorize Chair to sign and record with County Clerk
- O. Order No. 49-2019, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection district Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2019 Distribution- Mist Gas Field Revenues]".
- P. Order No. 50-2019, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2019 Distribution-Mist Gas Field Revenues]".
- Q. Order No. 51-2019, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Forest Trust Land Revenues (2019 Distribution)".
- R. Order No. 52-2019, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds Under ORS 275.275 [2019 Distribution: Gas & Land Sales]".
- S. Order No. 54-2019, "In the Matter of Establishing a Temporary Emergency Speed for Gable Road between Highway 30 and Columbia Boulevard".
- T. Resolution No. 55-2019 In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations, Contingency Transfer, and Interfund Transfers".
- U. Resolution No. 56-2019, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- V. C107-2019, Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the Use of the Courthouse Plaza for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and authorize Chair to sign.

- W. C108-2019, Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the use of the Courthouse Plaza for Mardi Gras in July Celebration and authorize Chair to sign.
- X. C110-2019, Agreement with Columbia County Economic Team for Regional Cooperative Tourism Funds for the CZ Trail and authorize Chair to sign.
- Y. C111-2019, Agreement with Tri-Met for Public Transit Special Transportation Improvement Funds.
- Z. C112-2019 – Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOPPO.

The motion carried unanimously.

**C45-2019 – AMENDMENT #2 COLUMBIA HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT:**

Robin McIntyre noted that the contract with CHS is ready to expire June 30, 2019. CHS has proposed some changes to the contract. To allow Michael Paul to be present for discussion, this matter was carried over to the afternoon work session.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder attended the O&C meeting in Gold Beach last week. The meeting was a very informative meeting. More can be learned about O&C by going online. Basically, it deals with the BLM management Oregon & California Railroad Forest Lands. They celebrated that the counties have received the sequestered funds.

She took an airplane ride over Columbia County with Keith Forsythe. The scenery from the sky was absolutely beautiful and she could see the different stages of tree growth around the county.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller attended the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Community Meals. This is a program that is co-sponsored by the 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, with the food bank, a number of other churches, Kiwanis, volunteers and others that hosts meals every Tuesday and Thursday night. Last night was to recognize all of the those who make this possible.

The Columbia County Fair is just around the corner July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>. There has been some remarkable work done out at the Fairgrounds this past year. Remember, if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Fair office.

Our Oregon Legislature in Salem is just a mess. When we have a legislative session that makes the national news, it's not good.

The new Community Action Team housing project is now complete. They took applications last Friday and 13 people were selected and have already moved in. One of those who moved in was a gentlemen that has been homeless for 20 years. This is what it's all about. There will be an official open house on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at CAT.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Bargaining:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Heimuller to deny the Step 3 grievance filed by Taylor Deschamps through AFSCME Local 697. The motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us).

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: Not Present \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator