

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
January 12, 2022

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met virtually in a scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Casey Garrett together with, Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator via telecommunication with County staff and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Heimuller called the January 12, 2022 meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

MINUTES

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 Board meeting and the January 5, 2022 Board work session. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT:

No Visitor Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments in full. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ratify Select to Pay for 12/30/2021
- B. Ratify Select to Pay for January 5, 2022
- C. Reappoint Mike Russell to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission, position #9 with a term to expire December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign
- D. Reappoint Rosemary Lohrke to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission, position #6 with a term to expire December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign
- E. Reappoint Shelley Hennessy to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission, position #2 with a term to expire December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign
- F. Ratify Out of Class pay for Suzie Dahl, E05/Step 8 \$7,982.00 to E05/Step 9 \$8,156.00 for the month of December, 2021
- G. Appoint Margaret Magruder as the Columbia County Representative for the Association of O&C Counties for 2022

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- H. C2-2022, Personal Services Contract with Fitch and Associates for Ambulance Service Analysis
- I. C190-2021, Public Services Contract with Braun Northwest, Inc., for Public Health Mobile Van Improvements

MATTERS

No matters

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **C1-2022 Energy Savings Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc.;** Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel presented C1-2022 Energy Savings Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. This contract covers phases A & B of the renovation of the historic John Gumm School and selective tenant improvement at the Columbia County Courthouse Annex. Counsel McGlone explained terms and phases of the contract. After discussion, **Commissioner Garrett moved to approve C1-2022 Energy Savings Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Hearing procedures for the NEXT Renewables Hearing on January 19, 2022;** Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel came before the Board to discuss procedures for next week's NEXT Renewable virtual hearing. After discussion, the Board agreed that public testimony be allowed 3 min. each, time may not be donated. Time will be set aside during the afternoon session in case the morning needs to carry into the afternoon.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT'S COMMENTS

I'm definitely looking forward to a few days of good weather like last weekend, it was enough to make you feel alive and happy. It was a good break from the weather we have had like Commissioner Magruder stated earlier. I'm really looking forward to getting the John Gumm and Annex project off the ground. The Old Courthouse was built in 1906 and the Annex in 1969, and here we are 50 years later and really ready for the next investment into the County's future. Last night I was thinking how good we have done as a County. I wrote out a list of all the improvements to our facilities, they were responsible improvements and investments that has set the stage for where we are today. I counted up over 3 million dollars in Courthouse Annex improvements, a lot of those projects we partnered up with the State. We have used every opportunity that has been available to leverage funds that we have worked with through grants and state agreements. We have used the facilities staff to make many of these projects happen. This project it is an extension of the good practices we have carried out over the last decade by leveraging opportunity to bring in outside funds through the American Rescue Plan dollars, potentially some FEMA funds, and using the staff to help develop the project and likely to carry out some of those projects. We are getting ready to go to the state to ask for some money to pitch in to help with the later part of the project for the second and third floor of the annex. In doing all this it is setting the stage for the next few decades without having to go to the tax payers and ask for additional funding. I'm proud to be a part of this. I'm grateful the Board is on the same page and sees the value in this investment. Exciting times and will be fun times to work through this process for the next few years. I'm also looking forward to the hearing with NEXT and to hear all the details of that application. Overall I am optimistic that project will be successful. Another exciting thing is the Senate District 16 joint meeting this Friday that we will be able to evaluate the candidates that were nominated and hopefully choose the replacement for Senator Johnson. I don't think that anyone could really replace someone like Senator Johnson but hopefully someone can fill those shoes. It is a neat opportunity to be a part of that process and Columbia County will have a heavy weight in that decision.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER'S COMMENTS

Good morning, it is nice to have the heavy rain and snow behind us. Even though I wake up every night with the sound of rain. We are still getting a little bit of extra moisture. If anyone is interested in participating in water forums please contact me. We will soon be scheduling forums talking about water availability, quantity, and quality in Columbia County. If you feel like you are an expert or would like to be on the ground floor please contact me.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER'S COMMENTS

For those folks that are needing to travel over Hwy 47 in Mist, I got a message for Mike Russell that road is still closed and they are looking at ways to fix the washed out section. The numbers for COVID are climbing very dramatically and please don't let your guard down. Please remember the things that we have talked about the last two years; handwashing, social distancing, wearing mask, and vaccinations. Anything we can do to slow this down a little bit. It is hard seeing children pulled out of school again from around the Country. We all need to do our little part, whatever that is.

Commissioner Magruder reminded people that Jacyn Normine placed in the chat if you wanted to send in letters for Senate 16 that they need to be submitted by noon today!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

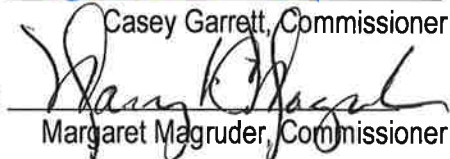
With nothing further to come before this Board, this meeting adjourned.

By: 
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner