

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2022

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a scheduled hybrid session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Casey Garrett and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel and Kathy Coddington Board Office Specialist from the Columbia County Courthouse, Room 310.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Heimuller called the March 23, 2022 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

MINUTES

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022 Board meeting minutes and March 16, 2022 Board work session and Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT:

Jasmine Lillich from Clatskanie Oregon would like to remind everyone that the Clatskanie Food Hub Capital Fundraiser has eight days left. The Clatskanie Food Hub is an expansion of the Clatskanie Farmers Market nonprofit to offer a year round market place that sells fresh, local, and regional food along Highway 30. The Oregon Coast Visitor Association is matching our \$15,000 for cold storage specifically for seafood. Everyone who donates in the next days will have their donation matched. The donations are also tax deductible. We are also raffling off a farm to table dinner and other donation prizes. You can read more about the project and make a donation on <https://www.clatskaniefarmersmarket.com/> under the Clatskanie Food Hub tab. We appreciate all the support that we have already received. The Clatskanie Food Hub is located in Clatskanie on the corner across from of Copes Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments in full. Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda, agreements, contracts and amendments as presented. Sarah Hanson told the Board that item C is not pending and is in the Board packet on the web meeting. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for the week ending
March 18, 2022
- B. Order No. 12-2022 In the Matter of the Application by NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon, LLC for a Use Permitted Under Prescribed Conditions, Site

- Design Review and Variance for a Renewable Diesel Production Facility at Port Westward (DR 21-03; V21-05)
- C. Order No. 13-2022 In the Matter of the Application by NEXT Renewable Fuels LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a Rail Branchline in the Primary Agriculture (PA-80) Zone Near Port Westward (CU 21-04) (DOCUMENT PENDING)
 - D. Approve Application for tax exemption for Columbia County Public Health leased Office Space with Old Jack Properties and authorize the Chair to sign
 - E. Approve Personnel Action for Riley Baker, effective April 1, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign
 - F. Approve 2022-Renewal for a Full On Premises Sales Liquor License for Vernonia Golf LLC, in Vernonia, OR.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- G. C34-2022 Agreement with Yamhill County for Housing Juvenile Offenders and Authorize the Chair to Sign
- H. C25-2022 Purchase and Sales Agreement by and between Columbia County and Zephaniah and Lindsay Emmons for Tax Account No. 23353 and Map Id No. 4N4W05-AD-12900

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Economic Development Grant Request; Deborah Hazen** is here to ask for a grant to help finish up a kitchen on the main floor in the Flippin Castle. The Clatskanie Senior Citizens have owned the Castle since 1979 and in the last few years have put in roughly 600K to upgrade the building so that they can start using it for different events. One of the final projects needed to be completed is the main floor kitchen.

After discussion, **Commissioner Garrett** moved to provide a **\$20,000.00 grant from the Economic Development Fund to the Clatskanie Senior Citizens to place a kitchen on the main floor of the Flippin Castle, Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Dept. of Emergency Management, Standing Strategic Framework; Chris Carey, EOC Director** gave a presentation on a policy to provide long-term guidance to the County's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and set emergency responsibilities for all departments. The presentation can be found on the agenda at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/calendar>. The Commissioners are excited to see the new policy and trainings for the County.
3. **Prescott Beach Playground Upgrades; Melissa Enright** is here to ask about applying for a grant through T-Mobile for new playground equipment at Prescott Beach. The current equipment is over twenty years old and needs to be
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replaced. The new equipment will cost \$64,400.00 and the grant is for \$50,000.00. Parks has the funds available to fund the balance of the project outside of the grant.

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the Parks/General Services Department to apply for the T-Mobile grant for replacement of playground equipment at Prescott Beach. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

~~4. Designating Person in Charge; Ed McGlone pulled till next week.~~

COMMISSIONER GARRETT'S COMMENTS

I had the pleasure of participating in a "Destination Ready Studio" with Travel Oregon, Columbia Economic Team, Port of Columbia County, the City of Scappoose and St. Helens with the goal of prioritizing projects that benefited river access. Columbia County is prioritizing Prescott Beach improvements and Sand Island for cabin development. Lower Columbia Engineering has designed some cabins for Sand Island and Camp Wilkerson. Columbia County has really stood out the last couple of years. Wela Negelspach at CCET got an award for her efforts with tourism. It is neat to see the Port, City of St. Helens, and Columbia County each have ready to go projects in this particular session. Thank you Paul and Wela for helping us to get that opportunity to participate in the studio. I would like to shout out to Riley Baker and his team. They made a counter at our office and the temporary space for IT. In the Old Courthouse breakroom. They have really spruced up the area and always take pride in their work.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER'S COMMENTS

Today has been a wonderful meeting with very positive things happening out in the world. Another wonderful thing happening in Clatskanie! One of the exchange student is from Poland and this weekend she had a fundraiser for Ukrainian hospitals. She did a bake sale and I contributed a few times! The cinnamon rolls were amazing and so was the blueberry muffin. She is staying with David and Megan Evenson and their daughters. She raised over 2000.00 dollars the last I had heard. You can venmo Ukraine2@MeganEvenson77 if you would like contribute.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Heimuller told Commissioner Garrett that we really need commercial marinas in the entire county. It shows every day when you see the marina overwhelmed within 30 minutes. The County roads are blocked by vehicles in the Spring and Summer. We have some ramps but then we don't have very much parking. We need better docks to capitalize on the river tourism.

I'm very excited to get an approval for the NEXT Energy this week. It has been years coming! It is a renewal able energy project, it is a green energy project in Columbia County. We have the right placement and the right infrastructure that will be good for Columbia County tax payers and offer job opportunities. This will help many things from

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schools to police. We visited the Flippin House! Everyone should make an appointment and drive up and see the Castle and the Birkenfeld theatre in Clatskanie that is a couple blocks away from the Castle. Go online and buy tickets for the Karen Carpenter event on April 3rd. Clatskanie has great food and great people.

Deborah Hazen also reminded the Board that the Raymond Carver Writing Festival is coming back this year. This poetry contest is open to young people, ages 8-18, who live in the Clatskanie School District. May 20-21 at Birkenfeld Theatre, 75 S Nehalem St, Clatskanie, OR 97016.

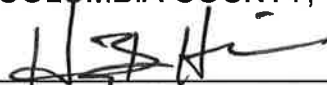
EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session


ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before this Board, we will adjourn this meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: 
Kathy Coddington, Board Office Specialist

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner