

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 21, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017 Board meeting and June 14, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**HEARING: RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION:**

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".

Robin McIntyre explained that any changes to the Solid Waste Management Ordinance requires that the Board hold a public hearing. This hearing is for the Board to consider solid waste collection rate adjustments.

***Kathryn Pasterz-Boutin, Columbia County Solid Waste Manager:*** 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 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 cost of providing the service. The County has established a policy that an acceptable operating ratio shall be in a range of 8-14% with a target operating ratio of 11%. If the operating ratio falls within the 8-14% acceptable range, no rate adjustments would be allowed.

In April, Waste Management and Waste Connections, the two solid waste collection franchisees serving rural Columbia County, submitted Detailed Cost Reports (DCRs) to the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and staff. A map of the franchise collection service areas is contained in Attachment 1, which is included in the staff report. Based on review, SWAC and staff recommend approval of the described collection franchisee rate adjustments: 10% rate increase for rural Clatskanie service area; an 8% rate increase for the drop box service for rural Rainier Service; and the allowable disposal pass thru of \$.19 for all service areas.

Commissioner Heimuller asked what cart service is.

**Ernie Martin, Site Manager with Hudson Garbage Service:** Currently, they are at the top of the operating range in their profit margin. They want to supply rural St. Helens garbage cans with wheels. Supplying garbage containers with wheels to the customers will make it easier to get garbage to the street, it is also safer for the garbage collectors, as they will not have to lift the carts.

Commissioner Magruder asked if the carts break, will it be replaced by Hudson Garbage? The answer was yes, as long as it is not caused by owner abuse. These cans should have a 6-10 year life span.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

**Ernie Martin, Site Manager and Heather Garland, Financial Consultant with Waste Management:** Ernie gave a brief overview of their company. They have had a pretty good year with regards to safety, currently 6 months accident free. Our office continues to be the leader in customer service for the small districts. Last year, they added a new garbage truck to Rainier along with a supervisor truck. The employees hold a fundraiser, with their own money, which is matched by the company, to provide bikes for the less fortunate children throughout the County.

Commissioner Tardif asked who will pay for the carts for rural St. Helens? Ernie stated that the garbage carts will be supplied by Hudson Garbage. When asked, Heather stated that the company is publicly traded.

**Mike Sheehan, Chairman of SWAC:** On behalf of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, they went through everything thoroughly and ground through the numbers. SWAC supports the proposed rate adjustments.

With no further testimony the hearing is closed.

After deliberation, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the FY 2018 Curbside Collection Rate Adjustments. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 6.19.17.
- (B) Approve Personnel Actions for COLA increases and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Statement of Property Values and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (D) Notice of Election for Guaranteed Cost Plan with SAIF and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (E) Commercial Insurance Application for Commercial insurance and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (F) Workers Compensation Application and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (G) Self-Insurance Fund ("SIF" Notice and Acknowledgment of Assessable and Financial Condition and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (H) Commercial Insurance Application for Excess Earthquake Insurance and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (I) Order No. 47-2017, "In the Matter of the Petition by OIT and Scott Parker to Name a Private Access Easement off of West Lane Road near Scappoose, Oregon, "Charles T. Parker Way".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (J) Guaranteed Thirty-Six Month Price Agreement with ADP and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Amendment #1 to Agreement Number 148152 with the Oregon Health Authority and The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County for Environmental Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Agreement No. 31970 with the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail and Public Transit Division for Columbia County Rider Operations.

- (M) Agreement No. 31989 with the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail and Public Transit Division for Columbia County Rider Operations.
- (N) Agreement No. 32231 with the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail and Public Transit Division for Funds for Public Transportation Services.
- (O) Agreement No. 32177 with the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail and Public Transit Division for Columbia County Rider Operations.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller, along with Commissioners Magruder and Tardif, attended a cash handling class last week. This is something the county is doing to make sure that we are providing the best service we can. All employees must attend and there will be another class held this week, to pick up the ones unable to attend last week.

He participated in the Kiwanis parade over the weekend and pulled the Fair float. It was one of the longest parades St. Helens has had in a long time, lasting about an hour and a half.

He has had a very busy week, starting with the Columbia Pacific CCO meeting in Astoria. He will also be attending two more meetings this Friday in Astoria.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder attended AOC County College last week in McMinnville with Commissioner Tardif. The topic was Public Health and discussion was held on the challenges for all agencies in funding Public Health. Here in Columbia County, we do a good job, with great people working together on Public Health issues.

She attended several meetings this week, first was for the Goble neighborhood watch program, with more than 50 attending. She encouraged them to get accurate information of strange activities in the area, and to report code enforcement issues by going to our website. Goble community has about 300 residents.

Last night she attended the Historical Society meeting of all the County Historical Societies, who works on preserving the history in Columbia County. If you have any ideas on how to get the word out that these are active groups and are looking for members, please let us know.

This weekend is the car show in Clatskanie, along with Pie in the Park, which is a fundraiser for Education for Women.

She will not be here next Wednesday, as she will be in Prineville for the Oregon State Invasive Weed Program.

She encourage people to come watch the fire works and celebrate the Fourth of July in Clatskanie. Also, Saturday is Rainier Days and their parade.

**COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tardif followed up on the AOC County College he attended last week on Public and Mental Health. Its fascinating to look at the other counties and how they are modeled, and to look at Columbia County's structure. Vernonia will be without Public Health next week while it changes from Public Health to Tillamook Adventist.

Yesterday, he did a site review with GOBHI in the rural parts of Columbia County. Children in Columbia County spend an average of an additional 2 hours a day in child camp versus our friends in the metro area. The other issue is, we lack state certified facilities in the county. We will be looking at how we can better educate our children starting with Pre-K and moving forward.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017.

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)

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