

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 8, 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 Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Board meeting and March 1, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: He is here today to address his concerns with mobile home parks in Columbia County. He's talked about Deer Pointe Meadows many times and in his conversations with DEQ, it's clear that they do not want to enforce their own guidelines. He explained in detail how flow is determined, criteria to determine the number of trailers allowed, septic failures, etc. While doing his research, he found that the Werner's own another trailer park in Rainier and DEQ has no records of it at all, which means it hasn't been permitted, inspected, anything. This is just another MHP that fell through the rat hole.

Gainor Riker, 34085 Church Road, Warren: She is here to voice her concern with the collection of property taxes in Columbia County. As a business owner, she pays taxes. However, she knows there are other businesses in the County that are not paying their personal property taxes. She would ask that the Commissioners work on a process to cross reference businesses in the county with what is on the tax rolls. This should be fairly simply by checking the Secretary of State's website, to see who is or isn't registered. If a person owns a business, they should have to pay their fair share of taxes. If there is anything she can do to help, she is willing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 3.6.17.

- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Dutch Canyon Estates No. 3.
- (C) Order No. 6-2017, "In the Matter of the Application by Christopher Arthur for a Variance to Setbacks for an Indoor Marijuana Grow Operation in the Rural Residential RR-5 Zone in Warren, Oregon (V 17-02)".
- (D) Order No. 9-2017, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance, Incorporating Position and Personnel Changes".
- (E) Approve Letters of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for the following:
 - Sgt. Phil Edwards, Supervisor, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Sgt. Jon Kinsel, Supervisor, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Sgt. William Haas, Supervisor, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Deputy Joshua Lineberry, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Deputy Shaun McQuiddy, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Deputy Chris Neifert, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Deputy Alan Haebe, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Deputy Jon Shull, Columbia County Sheriff's Department
 - Nickolas Brajcich, Deputy District Attorney
 - Jean Martwick, Deputy District Attorney
 - Brandon Riffel, Deputy District Attorney
 - Ian O'Connor, Division Chief-Safety/Resource Management, CRF&R District
 - David Coombs, Division Chief-EMS, Columbia River Fire & Rescue District
 - Mike Greisen, Fire Chief, Supervisor, Columbia River Fire & Rescue District
 - Eric Smythe, Division Chief-Operations, Columbia River Fire & Rescue District
 - Casey Garrett, Forest, Parks and Recreation Director
 - Ingrid Chamberlain, Fair Board
 - Mary Ann Guess, Fair Board
 - Charles Weaver, Fair Board
- (F) 2017 Liquor License Renewals:
 - Yankton Store & Restaurant;
 - Mark's on the Channel;
 - Deer Island Store;
 - St. Helens Moose Lodge #591

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Personal Services Contract with Brown & Brown of Oregon, LLC, dba Brown & Brown Northwest.
- (H) Amendment #2 to ODOT 2015 Fund Exchange Program Agreement #30822 for Scappoose-Vernonia Highway Pavement Preservation.
- (I) Local Agency Agreement No. 30927 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Gable Road Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvements.
- (J) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Gable Road Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller spent time last week at the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. One thing he learned from this trip is that it's a huge benefit to have another Commissioner along because of all the meetings and things that need to be accomplished in a short period of time. During the conference, they were able to have some face time with the Senators but has to say that he felt much less heard than when he left the House. Some of the nationwide issues addressed during the conference were Veterans, Mental Health & Jails, Transportation, etc. These are not just local concerns, they're nationwide. He did hear that there are some positive things happening in DC under the new President and that there is more dialog happening now than has taken place in many years. He also heard that, with the Republican Congress and Republican White House, our chances of getting an O&C Act for harvest and forest management passed within the next 18 months has its best chance in 20 years.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder attended the City/County dinner last night. A great opportunity for the leadership of our cities and county to get together to discuss various things happening within the County.

She wanted to mentioned that March 3rd was the 100 year anniversary of the OSU Extension in Columbia County. We are very lucky to have Chip Bubl and his staff in our county. If not aware of the extension office, give them a call. They have a broad range of services and a wealth of knowledge. Congrats to 100 years!

Today is International Women's Day. This recognition has been celebrated for the past 100 years. Congratulations ladies!

She asked that we all please be patient with our Road Department. The weather has been very bad this winter and they are working as hard as they can to repair roads throughout the county. On a positive note, she heard from a person that has been driving the roads in the county for years felt that the plowing was the best it's been.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif also commented on the City/County dinner meeting last night. It was the first for him and it was very insightful. He really enjoyed the conversations they were able to have with other elected officials and city managers and hear what they are working on, issues they face, their needs, etc. It was a great experience and enjoyed the atmosphere of it.

He has been spending a lot of time working with the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council program. They are working on mapping the entire criminal justice system, from start to finish program to determine any duplication in services and how those services can be better streamlined and use our resources more efficiently.

He attended the Department Head meeting yesterday for the first time. It was very insightful and he heard a lot of good things they were accomplishing but also some areas that need improvement.

It's budget time again and the Board and staff will be working hard on finding how to fill the \$2 million gap.

He also commented on the 100 years of OSU Extension Service in Columbia County. He only became aware of this program a couple of years ago, but has since then, is a constant user of that program. He can't say enough good about our local Extension Service.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th of March, 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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner