

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 7, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 May 31, 2017 Board meeting and May 31, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Darrell Swan, Scappoose Spotlight Publisher: Darrell wanted to talk about agenda item (F) on the consent agenda. The order is to name a newspaper of record for the publication of the 2017 foreclosure. He was hoping there could be some kind of competitive process for that because he would also like the opportunity to have items published in the Spotlight. Can the Board explain how newspapers are selected for legals and other publications?

Commissioner Heimuller had seen an email between Jennifer Cuellar and the Spotlight about pricing and he was under the impression that they had selected the Spotlight for this particular publication. As for regular legal notices, the county doesn't have a newspaper of record. The newspaper selected for various hearing notices are usually based on where the biggest impact is going to be in the County.

At this time, Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (F) for further review.

Lynette Hellberg, 53180 Clint Drive, Scappoose OR: She and her husband continue to have issues with the neighbors on the road, which they travel on daily. Last week, she received a trespass for traveling on this road. Lynette and her husband have talked with the Board about these concerns many times and she just wanted to come before the Board today to thank them for their open door policy. When you are victimized, you don't necessarily want to talk to people, so it's a big deal that the Board has that door open for us. Thank you.

HEARING: SUPPLEMENT BUDGET FOR FY 2016-2017 FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY:

This is the time set for the public hearing to consider comments on the FY 2016-2017 Supplemental Budget for Columbia County.

John Dreezen, Accounting Services Manager: John was present to report on the supplemental budget and the (3) items that are pushing the need for this hearing.

The supplemental budget itself is an annual process that we go through to make sure we are in compliance with Oregon budget law. We look at each department and each fund to make sure we are going to complete the year within the approved appropriation levels, and to the extent of unanticipated events through the course of the year, such as additional revenue, expenditures being slightly different and being able to be off set to another category. We do essentially a clean up to make sure we are going to be in compliance with the Oregon Statutes. The Supplemental budget is a routine process each year. Also as part of that we undertake a checking process, to see if the nature of the changes we were proposing meet the criteria under the Oregon statutes for public hearing and public notice. In this case, they identified three items that met that criteria - two of those items are:

1) Actions taken in the course of the year to create new departments in the general fund. This would be the Public Affairs Department and **2)** the General Services Department. Under the statutes, the creations of new appropriations is the trigger to require a public hearing. **3)** There was an increase in revenue for the Inmate Benefits funds. The revenue was higher than anticipated and because that change in revenue was more than 10% of the appropriated budget, a public hearing is required.

John also explained the reason for Item (D) on the consent agenda, which rescinds a resolution passed earlier this year creating the budget for the General Service Department. Again, creation of new appropriations categories in itself is a trigger under statute for a public hearing. The Finance Department wants to undo that prior action, and ask the Board to re-approve that same budget with Resolution No. 32-2017.

John then reviewed all details in the Supplemental budget presented to the Board.

Hearing was open for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the board, the hearing was closed. The Supplemental Budget Resolution is included in the consent agenda for approval.

AGREEMENT WITH OSU FOR SPACE LEASE:

Chip Bubl, 4H & Extension Service, presented the Board with an Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and Oregon State University for lease of space for the Extension Service. The agreement is very much the same as it has been in the past.

This agreement is a five-year agreement and will be good through June 30, 2022. County Counsel and the Board have reviewed the document and noted a couple of spelling errors. The Board supports this request with the corrections to be made. Sarah noted that she will work with Chip to get a corrected agreement for next weeks consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Items (B) & (F) were pulled. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 6.5.17.
- (B) Ratify approval of Title III funding in the amount of \$93,000 for the Columbia County Parks Project. ***(Pulled not needed)***
- (C) Authorize the Public Works Director to fill (2) Road Maintenance Worker I positions.
- (D) Rescind Resolution No. 72-2016, "In the Matter of Creating the General Services Department and Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017".
- (E) Resolution No. 32-2017, "In the Matter of Authorizing Budget Appropriations, Contingency Transfers, Inter-fund Transfers and Intra-Fund Transfers and Creating New General Fund Departments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017".
- (F) Order No. 34-2017, "In the Matter of Designating a Newspaper of General Circulation for the Publication of the Columbia County 2017 Foreclosure List". ***(Pulled for further review)***.
- (G) Order No. 35-2017, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Forest Trust Land Revenues".
- (H) Order No. 38-2017, "In the Matter of Building Code Violations by Brian Richards for Property Located on Bird Road, near Scappoose, Oregon".
- (I) Order No. 39-2017, "In the Matter of Amending the Terms, Conditions, and Regulations of leasing County-Owned Oil and Gas Rights for Underground Storage in the Mist Gas Field".

- (J) Order No. 40-2017 (Renumbering Order No. 31-2017), "In the Matter of the Petition by C & P Investments and Other Property Owners to Name a Platted Public Right-of-Way Off Gunners Lake Mainline in a Rural Residential (RR-5) Zone as "Shady Way".
- (K) Ratify Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest for Beery Elsner and Hammond and authorize County Counsel to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (L) Construction Contract with PCR, Inc., for Shiloh Basin Culvert Replacements.
- (M) Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement, 943 Cougar Street Vernonia, Tax Account No. 23434.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller explained the big box in the lower parking lot for those who are curious. The County signed a contract with Verizon to put a cell tower on the courthouse roof to supply service to this part of the county and the I-5 corridor. This box will be moved to the roof soon as part of that work.

Last night, the Board held a budget hearing in Clatskanie, with open house afterwards. There were about 20 people in attendance. It was a very pleasant evening and a great turn out.

The Board will hold their 2nd budget hearing tonight here at the Courthouse at 5:30 pm in the Annex meeting room. He encouraged those interested to attend.

The Columbia County Fair starts in about 45 days. They are always looking for volunteers and sponsors. If interested, you can contact the Fairgrounds or attend a Saturday meeting.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder had a lovely time last night at the budget hearing. She wanted to give a shout out to the crew at Hump's Restaurant for the food and desserts they prepared for this event.

She attended a gathering for Dr. James Tyack in Clatskanie. He is a long time dentist in the Clatskanie community and has given many young people an opportunity to begin a dental career. He is also an Oregon Health Plan provider, which is a benefit to many.

She attended the My Fair Lady tea last week. The My Fair Lady candidates were all there to speak. Ruth Ann Donaldson is the Clatskanie candidate. Please come join us at the opening of the Columbia County Fair to vote for you're my Fair Lady.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif also wanted to thank Hump's Restaurant for hosting us at our budget hearing last night. He hopes to see even more people here at our budget hearing tonight. The hearing schedule will also include the special district budgets for: 4-H and Extension Services: Meadowview Lighting District; and the Columbia County Development Agency, followed by the Columbia County budget. Please come join us, and learn even more about your government.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7th 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

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