

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 15, 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, 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 February 8, 2017 Board meeting and February 8, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Jamie Maygra, 34319 Canaan Road, Deer Island: He first wanted to welcome the two new Commissioners and hopefully it will be a welcome change. He is here today to express his concerns for the safety of commuters and damages to equipment caused as a result of ground settlement on Canaan Road at the Merrill Creek bridge. With ground settlement on the bridge, it has created a hump in the middle of about 5-6 inches high. He can't go over 5 mph because any faster he would lose his boat trailer. People trying to go around the hump end up in the other lane and it's dangerous. There is a lot of traffic on that bridge and he would hate to see someone get hurt because of it. He would ask that the Board do something to correct this serious problem. Commissioner Heimuller will share this information with the Road Department to see what can be done.

STEVE WATSON - COLUMBIA 911:

Steve Watson, Executive Director of the Columbia 911 District, came before the Board to welcome the two new Commissioners and to introduce himself. Steve makes a point of meeting with various Boards, Commissions and elected officials annually, to put a face with the name and give a brief presentation/update on 911 services. Their district covers all of Columbia County and a section of Clatsop County where they answer 911 calls within the Mist Birkenfeld fire district. They dispatch for all police departments in the county, all medical providers, fire districts and various public works departments. They are working on a new computer system that will partner with Washington and Clackamas counties 911 service and the City of Lake Oswego. The district is also looking at radio improvements, regarding coverage and radio sites. The current system is about 13 years old and there are pieces that need to be updated or even replaced. As for staffing, because they run 24/7, it has always been an issue getting full staffing and not relying on overtime dollars. He is pleased to report today, they have 11 solo employees who have

finished all of their training and will be working on their certifications through DPST. Steve answered questions about pay and training for new employees. He extended an invitation to all Commissioners to come out to tour their facility.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item (B) was pulled and held over. 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 week of 2/13/17.
- (B) Appoint Leannette Rivers to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to complete the term of Sally Marson, term to expire 12.31.19. ***(Pulled and held over)***
- (C) 2017 Liquor License Renewal for Goble Landing Store.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Amendment #1 to ODOT Grant Agreement #30801.
- (E) Amendment #4 to Personal Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Columbia County Legal Aid, Inc. for Law Library Management Services.
- (F) Amendment #11 to 2015-2017 IGA #148004 with OHA and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the AOC Steering Committee meetings last Monday in Salem. The big topic of discussion was the upcoming legislative session. There are over 4,000 bills currently being vetted.

As a Board member of the 911 Board of Directors, a special district, he attended the annual SDAO conference last Friday and Saturday. A vast number of topics and training were available and it was very well worth the effort.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder also attended the AOC Steering Committee meetings last Monday. She encouraged people to go onto the State website and look at the bills that are going before our legislature.

She and Commissioner Tardif will be traveling to Salem on Thursday for a three day training session through the AOC County College.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

We are in the middle of our budget session and he spent a lot of time yesterday with the County Finance Director working on the budget.

Last Friday, he was in Astoria for a Public Health meeting. Discussions were held on what our obstacles are and how to modernize the system.

He will be in Salem Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the AOC County College.

There was a volunteer reception yesterday for all of our RSVP volunteers to thank them for all they do here at the county.

POLLY ROGERS - AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Matt Graves, Polly Rogers, came before the Board to give a short presentation on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit for Columbia County. The county received an unqualified opinion which is basically a clean opinion with no reservations. Matt briefly reviewed the audit and the process involved with conducting the audit.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th of February, 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