

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 12, 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 April 5, 2017 Board meeting and April 5, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

The Board recognized Jennifer Cuellar Smith and the entire Finance Department staff on receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation award. Columbia County has received this award for the past 3 years. Once again it has been demonstrated by Jennifer and her staff that they do know how to follow budget law and get the job done. This is not an easy award to achieve, so on behalf of the Board, congratulations to the Finance Department for all their hard work.

Jennifer thanked the Board for this recognition and wanted to add that preparing the budget is a collaborative effort with all county departments.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Al Peterson, 151 Clark Street, St. Helens:*** He is the Chairman of SHEDCO and with him is Jasmine Johnson, Main Street Coordinator. This group works to develop businesses in downtown St. Helens and to keep it clean. They are having a cleanup day April 22, 2017. Al reviewed the work they performed last year during the cleanup and they will be doing mostly the same thing this year. Al has been working with Casey Garrett on having the County provide a 1 ton truck for this event. Jasmine mentioned that volunteers are always welcome and any donations are a great help. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up through the SOLV website.

Todd Dugdale mentioned that the county could partner with this event by waiving dump fees at the transfer station. He will get Al the waiver form to complete.

***Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier:*** Don was present to update the Board on his findings on the Deer Pointe Meadows MHP and their failing septic systems. He reviewed information he has received from DEQ and other sources on the failing septic system at this trailer park.

**PROCLAIM APRIL 2017 AS “NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH”**

Commissioner Heimuller read the proclamation into the record. With that, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the proclamation, proclaiming April 2017 as “National County Government Month”. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 the week of 4.10.17.
- (B) Letter to Pauly Rogers extending the contract term and authorize Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (C) Appoint Leahnette Rivers to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, to replace Sally Ann Marson as At-Large member, term to expire 12.31.19.
- (D) Appoint Sally Ann Marson to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Ex-Officio position, term to expire 12.31.19.
- (E) 2017 Liquor License Renewal for Vernonia Golf Club.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) Public Procurement Contract with Elections Systems & Software, LLC, for Ballot Counting Equipment and Software.

The motion carried unanimously.

**JANET EVANS - ACTION ITEMS:**

Janet Evans, Adult Corrections Director, came before the Board to review the 2 following amendments:

1. **Amendment #1 to Agreement with Cowlitz County for Juvenile Detention:**  
This amendment increases the cost per bed to \$137.00 per day for 365 days. In 2018, the cost will increase to \$144.00 per bed per day. The amendment is still being finalized so Janet would ask that this amendment be placed on the consent agenda next week after review by County Counsel.
2. **Justice Reinvestment Carryover Agreement:** This is a biennial contract to provide services to our community to keep it safe. The agreement basically states that if we don't spend all the money, we give it back. Janet doesn't see that happening. After review, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Amendment #1 to Justice Reinvestment Grant Agreement #JR-15-019. The motion carried unanimously.***

#### **COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that the Columbia County Fair is coming up in July and they can always use volunteers. The Fair Board meets every Saturday at 10:00 am at the Fairgrounds and anyone interested should attend.

The Megga Easter Egg Hunt is taking place this weekend at the Fairgrounds at 11:00 am. This event normally brings in about 3,000 people. Besides the Easter egg hunt, there will be other things going on throughout the day and it's 100% free to all.

Last Thursday, he attended the NOHA meeting in Warrenton. Lots of activity going on with regards to housing acquisition.

He was in Salem on Monday to attend the AOC committee meetings. He sits on the transportation committee and there is a lot of discussion on the funding package before the legislature. He is also the Co-chair of the Health and Human Services committee.

He was back in Salem on Tuesday for the Public Transit Days event at the capital.

#### **COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Magruder mentioned the plant sale at Scappoose Bay at 9:00 am next Saturday and the Fox Creek BBQ and cleanup Saturday starting at 9:00 am.

It is National Park Week and people can visit State and County parks for free today.

Congresswoman Bonamici will be at the Scappoose High School on Saturday for a town hall. She encourage those with questions to attend.

The county is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive today and she will be donating.



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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 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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