

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 14, 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 7, 2017 Board meeting and June 7, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Linette Hellberg, 53180 Flint Drive, Scappoose, OR: She and her husband have been dealing with neighbor/road issues for the past four years (Flint Drive). She has been before the Board a number of times to address those problems. Now, there has been a gate installed across the road and is closed every day. Linette gave some historical information on Flint Drive, which was designated as a public road in 1911. So this is a public road and should not be gated off.

Commissioner Heimuller asked Mr. and Mrs. Hellberg to stay until after this meeting and he would meet with them to talk about their concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Items (E) & (J) were pulled from the consent agenda. 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 6.12.17.
- (B) Approve Re-Hire Letter to Dave Hill.
- (C) Approve Personnel Actions for Dave Hill and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Authorize Janet Evans to fill (1) Probation Officer position to fill a vacancy.

- (E) Reappoint Alta Lynch, term to expire 12.31.2019; Paulette Lichatowich, term to expire 12.31.2020; and Linda Hooper, term to expire 12.31.2019 to the Columbia County Planning Commission. ***(Pulling for discussion)***
- (F) Order No. 28-2017, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Vernonia, Oregon to the City of Vernonia Tax Map ID No. 4N4W 5AD 1999".
- (G) Resolution No. 33-2017, "In the Matter of the Authorization of an Inter fund Loan to Close FY 2017 Transit Fund Shortfall".
- (H) Order No. 34-2017, "In the Matter of Designating a Newspaper of General Circulation for the Publication of the Columbia County 2017 Foreclosure List".
- (I) Resolution No. 36-2017, "In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations and Contingency Transfer for Fiscal Year 2016-2017".
- (J) Order 41-2017, "In the Matter of Approving Title III Project for FY 2016-17 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141". ***(Pulled and held over)***
- (K) Order No. 42-2017, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2017 Distribution-Mist Gas Fields]".
- (L) Order No. 43-2017, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORs 275.275(2) [2017 Distribution-Mist Gas Fields]"
- (M) Order No. 44-2017, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds Under ORS 275.275 [2017 Distribution: Gas & Lands Sales]".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (N) Amendment No. 2 to Interagency Agreement No. 15-070-002 with the Oregon Department of Energy for County Participation in Energy Facility Siting Council Proceedings and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (E) - APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

Commissioner Tardif just wanted to confirm that after the re-appointing Alta, Linda, and Paulette, there are still other positions that need to be filled on the Planning Commission. Jan noted that there is (1) full time position and (2) alternate positions that still need to be filled and that Karen Kane is doing a public information piece to advertise for applicants. Karen, who was present, asked the Board if they are looking for persons from certain areas within the County for more widespread representation. Commissioner Heimuller noted if that is the case with the Planning Commission and we should follow the established process. After discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Item (E) on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller was in Salem last Monday to attend the AOC meeting.

He reminded everyone that the Kiwanis parade is this Saturday in St. Helens starting at noon.

The Columbia County Fair starts the third week of July. They are always looking for volunteers and sponsors. Our Fair is fully run by volunteers, and they are largely self supporting. Since 2011, this fair has survived only through the hard work and dedication of the Fair Board and all the many volunteers and sponsors. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact the Fair Board.

There was a tragic incident in Washington D.C. this morning, with the shooting of House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana, This is a good reminder to take lessons learned from these types of situations. We, as Americans, need to work together and not go off the deep end. It is a sad day in the United States today, but we need to grow from it.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder echoed Commissioner Heimuller's comments on the D.C. situation. We need to come together and find solutions.

She attended the CASA breakfast yesterday with Commissioner Heimuller. This group is a representative of the children. The Bikers Against Child Abuse identify and help support children in need. It was nice to see a broad group of people supporting the children.

She was also in Salem on Monday for the AOC meetings. She met with others to talk about the carbon pricing program. At this point, only California and Quebec have this type of program. She continues to educate herself on this subject.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th 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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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh,
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