

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 19, 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 April 5, 2017 Board meeting and April 5, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Rory Hammond, 66350 Bishop Creek Road, Rainier: He is a past president of the Oregon Equestrian Trails and the current Treasurer of the Columbia County Chapter of the Equestrian Trails. Rory read his comments into the record about equestrian trails in Columbia County. There are currently three locations for Equestrians to ride - Dibblee Point, Camp Wilkerson, and the CZ Trail. There is an increased need for riding trails. Rory feels that extending loops outside of Camp Wilkerson would make Wilkerson a designation point for riders from around the State. The County has a vision to connect the CZ trail to the Banks/Vernonia Trail which is paved and used by cyclists and walkers. This causes dangerous situations for horses. Rory has a vision to connect the CZ Trail to Camp Wilkerson. On another issue, he applauded the County for implementing the on-line park reservation system. When looking at future changes to the parks, he would encourage all user groups to be involved in the dialog of the change.

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: He just wanted to give kudos to the Clatskanie Road Department for their work on the roads out in the Clatskanie area.

HEARING: TRANSFER A PORTION OF WEST LANE RD TO CITY OF SCAPPOOSE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Transferring Jurisdiction over the Portion of West Lane Road between Columbia Avenue and Wagner Court to the City of Scappoose".

Robin gave a summary of the purpose of this hearing. Back in February of this year, the City of Scappoose adopted a resolution that the County transfer part of West Lane Road to the City. That portion of the road is well within the city limits. Statute requires a public hearing and notice to be published.

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to give the staff report. The City of Scappoose, by Resolution 17-06, requested that the County transfer jurisdiction over a portion of West Lane Road to the city. This section of West Lane Road is also known as (County Road D) located between Columbia Ave and Wagner Court. Scappoose City Manager Mike Sykes is here today to answer any questions. The reason for this request is that one of the conditions of the Cascades Tissue development along West Lane Rd is for road frontage improvements, to be consistent with the City of Scappoose Street Standards. The City of Scappoose has secured state funding through the Immediate Opportunity Fund and the IFA to assist Cascades Tissue with those road improvements. Completing frontage improvements on West Lane Road will make it possible for Cascades Tissue to run their new manufacturing facility and make the adjacent properties more shovel ready. This transfer of jurisdiction is critical to the economic development for the City of Scappoose. Dave believes this is in the best interest of the public and would recommend the Board approve the transfer of jurisdiction.

Commissioner Magruder's only concern is with the development of the OMIC and the potential bypass. Would there be any negative impacts to the county? Dave doesn't feel there would be. OMIC is a big player and would also like this to move forward.

Commissioner Heimuller's concern is with public transportation. The City of Scappoose has not always been in strong partnership with public transportation. The City puts strict regulations on the bus routes and on which streets can or can not be used for bus stops, which restricts the commuters. Scappoose has more ridership than any other city in the county. The County had requested that a bus stop go in when Bi-Mart was constructed but that never happened. With OMIC and the PCC campus being big players, and the added traffic impacts, bus stops are a must.

Mike Sykes stated that, as far as transit goes, he doesn't recall the Bi-mart issue, but he completely agrees and feels that it is important that the city be involved with public transit. He will make sure that the city planning department is informed about this in their planning process for the PCC campus and OMIC.

Mike talked about the bypass, with the big question being where will that be located. It's going to be challenging because of all the wetlands in the area. No one has a real strong handle on where the by pass will go. When PCC goes in, transportation will be a very big challenge

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the transfer of jurisdiction and directed staff to prepare the Board Order for approval. 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 4.17.17.
- (B) 2017 Liquor License Renewal for Bing's Restaurant.
- (C) Final Order No. 20-2017, "In the Matter of the Application by Kirk and Chantel Kightlinger for an Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Growing Operation in the PF-80 (Primary Forest) Zone near Rainier, Oregon (Application No. MO 17-07)".
- (D) Ratify Resolution No. 21-2017, "In the Matter of Approving a Resolution in Support of a Transportation Funding Package in the 2017 Legislative Session".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Local Agency Agreement #31586 with ODOT for Emergency Slide Repairs.
- (F) Amendment #1 to Agreement for Detention of Columbia County Juveniles in the Cowlitz County Juvenile Detention Facility.

The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-2017 - ASSESSMENT & TAXATION GRANT PARTICIPATION:

MaryAnn Guess, Finance Department, was present to give some background information on the CAFFA grant program. The county participates in this grant program every year to help fund the Assessment & Taxation programs. The application for this year is \$2,038,441.00, and the approved Resolution needs to be sent out by May 1, 2017.

With that, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-2017, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate in the Assessment and Taxation Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

FAIRGROUNDS

Butch Guess, Fair Board Chair, presented the Board with a proposal to remodel the Ag building at the Fair. Kari Hollander, SWCD District Manager, reviewed the request from the Fair Board to partner with them on improvements to the Agricultural building at the

Columbia County Fairgrounds. The SWCD Board directed Kari to look into this. They will be able to put in a new floor and new paint in time for Fair this coming July. They also plan to update the display cases by working with the schools who will design and build them. They are also working with the USDA, who are looking to put in a rain garden, either at the Ag building or maybe another building at the Fairgrounds. This will also bring education on water conservation, soil health, agriculture, which is the core of what the Fair is about. Before the Board is a 5 year plan for improvements to the agricultural building.

Commissioner Heimuller asked if with the rain garden, they could offer education on water collection. Kari feels that the sky is the limit on the demonstration ideas. There is funding all day long for systems like this.

Commissioner Tardif asked about solar panels to harvest energy, is this something that we could look at over the next 20 years. Kari stated that, outside of this 5 year plan, absolutely.

Butch Guess noted that the Fair Board is very excited to work with SWCD and the work that can be accomplished is tremendous.

Sarah explained the process, and if the Board wishes to move forward with this, she will prepare the paperwork for Board approval.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the CCO meeting on Monday at the CCMH facility. It was an extensive agenda.

Yesterday, he attended the RSVP council meeting. They are working on a Teen Support Program, by collecting prom dresses for teen girls that would otherwise not be able to afford one because of their family situation or they may even be homeless. This is huge for these children.

My Fair Lady is coming up and they have their list of princesses. The Queen will be announced opening day of the Fair. The county has partnered with RSVP in sponsoring a luncheon for the My Fair Lady pageant, all seniors and veterans on opening day. Last year, there were around 400 lunches served. The county plans to do that again this year. CC Rider also provides free bus rides that day.

Reminder that the Fair workshops take place every Saturday and volunteers are always needed.

He reported on the Megga Easter Egg Hunt. Over 3,000 attended and all went well. Thanks to all of the many volunteers who helped make this another successful event.

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to mention that a member of our community was murdered in Portland last week - Larry VanDolah. When it came time for the Board to familiarize themselves with marijuana - Larry was involved with providing a lot of the information needed. Larry always treated Henry with respect, even though they came from totally different backgrounds. Prayers to the family.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Today is National County Health Day!

The Board toured the Law Library last week. They provide service to lawyers and those who need legal advice.

The County Budget meeting is scheduled for 4/25/17 and the public is invited to attend.

She went to the Oregon Women for Agriculture fundraiser in Albany, and our very own Dairy Princess Kiara Single was there serving Tillamook ice cream .

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif is excited to travel to Wasco County this weekend for the AOC County College.

He attended a meet and greet in Vernonia last night. There was a great turn out and a lot of good questions.

Thanks to all volunteers who made the Megga Easter Egg hunt a huge success.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th 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

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