

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 18, 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 Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board meeting and January 9, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Alta Lynch, Veteran's advocate with the Elks Veterans' Bunker, 125 S. 13th Street, St. Helens. She is here today to invite the Board to their annual fundraiser to support the Veterans' bunker. The date is Saturday, February 4th at the Buccini Hall starting at 5:00 pm.

MIKE SEELY:

Mike Seely, Clatskanie: He is here today to talk about his business Seely Mints. As most know, they produce Seely Mint patties. This is a 4th generation business who has now expanded to include 49 stores in Canada from Quebec to Ontario. Mike shared some mints in their new packaging for Canada, that is required to include French labeling. The weather has impacted deliveries somewhat. Mike talked about the farm to market process, using sustainable product. There are only 5 competitors in the mint patty business. Every ingredient in his product is premium and that's what make the difference. Premium dark chocolate make in Europe specifically for Seely and natural mint oil. One issue in the near future is additional farm land for the mint.

Margaret congratulated Mike on the great success of his company and is looking forward to Mike donating about 250 patties for the Association of Oregon Counties annual conference next November. The Board thanked Mike for sharing this information and wish him the best in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Items (B) through (L) were pulled for discussion at the staff meeting. 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 1/9/17 & 1/16/17.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Columbia County Unmanned Arial Unit (UAV) Program Application for 2016 State Homeland Security Program and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (C) NIMS Compliance Form for Columbia County Unmanned Arial Unit (UAV) Program and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (D) Columbia County Special Response Team Application for 2016 State Homeland Security Program and authorize the Chair to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (E) NIMS Compliance Form for Columbia County Special Response Team Program and authorize the Chair to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (F) EOC Satellite Communication Project Application for 2016 State Homeland Security Program and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (G) NIMS Compliance Form for EOC Satellite Communication Project Application and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (H) Mass Care Shelter Infirmiry Project Application for 2016 State Homeland Security Program and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (I) NIMS Compliance Form for Mass Care Shelter Infirmiry Project and authorize Steve Pegram to Sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (J) ARES Communication Project Application for 2016 State Homeland Security Program and authorize Steve Pegram to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**

- (K) NIMS Compliance Form for ARES Communication Project and authorize Steve Pegrum to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (L) Combined Coversheet for FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program and authorize the Chair to sign. **(Pulled for discussion)**
- (M) Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and USI Northwest".
- (N) Personal Services Contract with Transforming Corrections for the Department of Community Justice.
- (O) Amendment #1 to Grant No. 16-217 with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

STEVE PEGRAM - UPDATE ON WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Steve Pegrum, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to give a brief update on the weather conditions and some of the areas that have been effected to date i.e. rock slides, heavy ice in areas and high water. Flooding will depend on the amount of rain and runoff. He encouraged everyone to be vigilante when out and about. If safe to do so, people should try to clear their street drains. Commissioner Tardif listed where people can go throughout the county to fill sand bags. This information will also be posted on the county website. Steve will continue to keep the Board updated.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the recent weather conditions and gave kudos to our Emergency Management department and other agencies on how they have been handling it. That said, the Road Department doesn't always get the recognition they deserve during these time. They have been doing a remarkable job, working 24-7 to keep our streets plowed and sanded to help keep us safe.

He attended the Jail Operating Committee meeting last Tuesday night at the Jail. He gave some history on why this committee was originally formed. This committee has been very successful and will continue on the with passage of the most recent Jail levy. There are 2 spots on this committee that need to be filled, so if interested, go to the county website to obtain the interest form.

He will be traveling to Roseburg tomorrow to attend his first O&C Board meeting, as an O&C Director.

During these types of weather events, he would encourage those who can to check in on their neighbors, especially those seniors who might not be able to get out of their homes for groceries, etc.

Friday is inauguration day. Regardless of whether or not your candidate won, every inauguration is a historical day.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder also wanted to praise our road crew for their hard work during this weather event. Also, thanks go to the cities public works departments, our maintenance crew and our employees for braving the weather and coming in when they were able to. There are high waters in the Clatskanie area but so far there is no flooding.

She attended the Emergency Management update on Monday. Those people are so professional, with everything lined up to take care of us all. Karen Kane, County PIO, was also there getting information to share with the public.

After 20 years, she has had to step down from serving as the coordinator for the Lower Columbia River Watershed Council because of her new position as County Commissioner. However, the LCRWC has appointed her to that Board representing county government.

She will be attending the Annual Soil & Water Conservation District meeting tonight.

She attended Senator Wyden's town hall meeting. She brought up the issue of O&C lands and how important O&C timber money is to Columbia County.

She and Commissioner Tardif will be out of town Thursday through Saturday to attend the AOC County College. This is a very beneficial experience for incoming Commissioners.

Back in 1973 while attending school in New York she attended President Nixon's inauguration. It was a once in a lifetime event and very glad she attended.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif mentioned that there is an opening on the County Budget Committee and interest forms are available on the county website.

Again, he will be attending the AOC County College and is excited to learn a lot.

As Magruder mentioned, he also attended Senator Wyden's town hall meeting. It was interesting to see what the issue of concerns are for the community.

Because of this past weeks weather event, he has been taking neighbors to work and back, etc., which he is happy to do.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th of January, 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: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator