

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 13, 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 Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2017 Special meeting, September 6, 2017 Board meeting and September 6, 2017 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

DELIBERATIONS: PORT WESTWARD ZONE CHANGE:

This is the time set for deliberations, "In the Matter of the Application by the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Goal 3 Exception to Reclassify and Rezone Property from Primary Agriculture(PA-80) to Resource Industrial Planned Development (RIPD) for an 837 Acre Expansion of Port Westward on Remand from the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals".

Robin McIntyre reviewed the time line of this hearing first held on August 2, 2017. At the end of the hearing, the Board left the record open for additional written testimony. A number of comments were received and, at this time, Robin entered the list of all comments received during the open record period into the record, marked **Revised Exhibit "1"**. She noted that staff wrote a memo, dated August 22, 2017, in response to comments received by Chip Bubl. In that memo, staff presented new evidence and, because of that, she asked that the Board reopen the record to allow for new evidence, and leave the record open for 14 days to allow parties to rebut any evidence that staff presented in the memo. Allow the applicant an additional 7 days for final argument. With that, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to reopen the record to admit the August 22, 2017 staff memo and to leave the record open until September 27, 2017 for written rebuttal to the evidence in the staff memo and until October 4, 2017 for the applicant's final argument. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board then set deliberations for October 25, 2017, at or after 10:00 am.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Tardif pulled item (C) for discussion at the Staff meeting. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 9.11.17.
- (B) Ratify Centurytel Letter of Agency for Phone Service at Scappoose RV Park and authorize Holly Miller to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Outcall Notification and Alerting Services Letter Agreement With the Columbia 9-1-1 District and authorize the Chair to sign. ***(Pulled and carried over to the Staff meeting)***

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on the fires in Oregon. Over 8,000 firefighters are fighting fires in Oregon. We have 672,000 acres of forest land that is either burning or has burnt this fire season. Hopefully the expected rain this weekend will slow down the fires. He just wanted to say that everyone has to be vigilant to help prevent wild fires. Our beautiful timberlands is what makes Oregon special.

He and Commissioner Magruder attended the Veterans Stand Down event last Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Good turnout by vendors, however there was not a lot of foot traffic, but it was very well organized and it did help out those vets who attended. The organizers are looking at doing a 2 day event next year, which will hopefully help increase attendance.

On Monday, he attended the AOC Legislative Committee meeting in Clackamas County. Because of another meeting he had to get to in Salem, he missed the tour of the Willamette Falls redevelopment project.

He reported on the Public Transportation Advisory Committee meeting he attended. Our legislators passed a transportation bill, thank you, but that is only the first step of the

process. The committee spent most of 4 hours working on the rulemaking. The rules have to be in place by March 2018. The overall goal is to have projects ready to be funded and spent out by January 2019.

He will be attending the COLPAC, Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance and PTAC meeting tomorrow in Tillamook and then the AOC District 7 meeting in Lincoln City on Friday.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder also commented on the Veterans Stand Down she attended last Saturday. It was a good opportunity for our veterans to get information on the services available to them. That said, she would have hoped for a better turn out.

She also attended the Rainier Historical Society grand opening on Saturday. They've done a wonderful job developing their historical society and they currently have a membership drive going on. All of the historical societies in Columbia County are working together to bring our history to the forefront.

On Sunday, she attended the Annual Brownsmead Corn Feed. It's been going on for 75 years and they put a very nice meal together. They feed over 600 people every year at this event. The unofficial number of ears of corn eaten is 32 by one person.

She was able to take a tour of the Willamette Falls Legacy project. This is a very exciting opportunity for Oregon City. The plan is to develop a multi use site and showcase the falls.

Something interesting she learned is that Clackamas County has a 70% commute rate, where their citizens are going out of the county to work.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif found it fascinating that the Willamette Falls project is basically recycling the land at the falls to make it recreational and accessible to the people again.

As a member of the Board of Directors for CCMH he attended their monthly Board meeting last week. He helps work on ways to improve mental health services to the public. He is also a member of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and attended that meeting last week. These two groups are working to bridge the gap and create better collaboration and communication between the public safety and behavioral health in order to provide services to the people who really need it.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th day of September, 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

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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