



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 2021

8:30 AM - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT

Meeting minutes of the Columbia County Flood Control Zone District are available upon request.

9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 2, 2021, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, and Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 PM - PUBLIC HEALTH

Martha Lanman and Dr. Lewis Neace were present and gave a brief update on the COVID-19 virus. The numbers have risen over the last week and special testing can be done to identify the Delta strain locally. Reminders were given to take precautions to stay healthy.

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Chuck Eaton gave brief updates for Public Works and held a discussion regarding the Seneca labor camp, specifically the day care area, and the future possibilities of renovating the area to use as a basecamp for firefighters. No action was taken.

Chuck presented Resolution 2021-33, regarding surplus printing equipment, for review and approval.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve Resolution 2021-33 In the Matter of Declaring County Printing Equipment Surplus. The motion unanimously carried.

Friends of the Fairgrounds requested sealing the floor in the youth building; Chuck Eaton had no objections and will work with the group for scheduling.

9:30 AM - AUDITOR - ANNE HIGGINS

Auditor Anne Higgins discussed the need to update the credit card policy and adding it to the personnel handbook. The update required a new resolution, #2021-31.



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Commissioner Amerein moved to approve Resolution 2021-31 In the Matter of Establishing Procedures for Obtaining a County Credit Card. The motion unanimously carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding ARPA funds and the Port's request for a \$100,000 match from the County to support the broadband project. Commissioner Rundell volunteered to send out a Google form to the county departments for input on project ideas.

10:00 AM - PROSECUTOR - DALE SLACK

An executive session was held for 50 minutes with Dale Slack and April King to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 10:58 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

11:00 AM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland, Sheriff Joe Helm, and Fire Marshall Jeromy Phinney were present to discuss the new laws passed for law enforcement and the challenges they present for local law enforcement.

Ashley gave updates on the conditions of the forest fires within Columbia County.

Resolution 2021-32 was drafted regarding declaring an emergency due to wildfires. The Resolution will be on hold until the necessity arises.

1:15 PM - KATHY COVEY - BMAC

Kathy Covey and management officers at Blue Mountain Action Council were present and gave updates on the various programs and assistance that are offered to community members in need.

2:15 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

An executive session was held for 30 minutes with Donna Hanger to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:40 pm; no action was taken.

An executive session was held for 45 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW



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42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 3:40 pm; no direction was given, no action was taken.

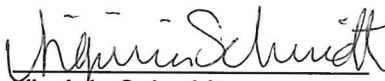
MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 19 and July 26, 2021. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made regarding the liquor license renewals from Bluewood and Bard and Bee Meadery.

A public hearing was set to be held on the evening of September 7, 2021 for the proposed ordinance regarding fireworks regulations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman


Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

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MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 8-2-21

Place/Room: Comm

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 <u>FCZD</u>	8:30
2 All Comm's + VS + BC	
3 Chuck & Darcy Belamy	
4 Warden Sheerer	
5 Dayton Chronicle	
6 Chuck Eaton	
7 Dr. Nease	8:45
8 Beka Compton	8:55
9 Michelle Smith	
10 Chris Mills	9:10
11 Anne Higgins	9:20
12 Carla Rowe	9:30
13 Mark T	
14 Shain Laib	
15 Jennie Dickinson	10:00
16 Dale Slack	Executive - 10:00
17 April King	
18 Joe Helma	11:00
19 Jeromy Phinney	
20 Jeremy Burnham	11:05

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1 Elizabeth Grima	1:05
2 Sylvia Schaeffer	1:09
3 Jeff Mathias	1:09
4 KATHY COVEY	1:09
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6 Office Manager	
7 Ted Koehler	
8 Donna Hanger	2:15 ^{Exe} while
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