



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

November 30, 2021

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

A special meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on November 30th, 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.

9:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: LEVY CERTIFICATIONS

A public hearing was held at 9:00 am to discuss the proposed levy certifications for Current Expense, County Road and EMS. A list of those present is attached. The proposed levy certifications were reviewed individually and time was allowed for public comment for each levy certification. Public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 9:11 am.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2021-53 in the matter of the 2022 Current Expense levy. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2021-54 regarding the EMS levy. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2021-55 as presented for the County Road levy for tax year 2022. Motion Unanimously carried.

9:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY WSU EXTENSION

Naedene Shearer and Steven Van Vleet were present to discuss the updated 2022 memorandum of understanding between Columbia County and WSU Extension for extension office services.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the updated 2022 Columbia County and WSU Extension Interlocal Agreement and authorizes the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #56 in the matter of the collection of Soldiers and Sailors funds. The motion unanimously carried.

Interviews for the Library Board positions, the Superior Court Clerk position and the District Court Judge will be scheduled for December 20th in the evening, times to be determined.

A discussion was held regarding compensation for the duties for the Public Health interim administrators, Chelsey Eaton and Delphine Bailey. A stipend of a 50/50 split in the amount of \$1,000 each for November and December, was agreed upon and is effective beginning November 1, 2021. Reassessment will take place at the beginning of the new year.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the pay of \$1,000 per month per person for co-directors of Public Health effective Nov 1st. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board authorized the change to Eastern Oregon Bank for credit cards for the Public Health Department for the following employees/limits:

Chelsey Eaton - \$5,000
Delphine Bailey - \$5,000
Beth Compton - \$1,000
Jan Strobehn - \$1,000
Juanette Estasia Collins - \$1,000

Auditor Anne Higgins commented on the exit audit conference findings on SEPA.

The Board held a discussion regarding COLA's for 2022 and comments were made by County employees.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve a 2% COLA to non-union employees of Columbia County for 2022. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board approved the Weed Boards appointment of Josh Bowen and Clayton McKinley to the weed board for positions in geographical areas 1 and 3, terms beginning 1/1/2022-12/31/2025.



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A discussion was held regarding a letter of support to the Washington State Broadband Office for fixed internet service. No county funds were requested nor will be used.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve and sign the letter of support for the Washington State Department of Commerce grant for fixed wireless service. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board discussed paid holidays during the holiday season. New Year's holiday will be observed on January 3rd, 2022. The Christmas holiday will be observed on December 24 and an additional 1/2 day off will be taken on December 31st.

A Public Hearing is set for December 20th at 10:00 am for 2022 budget adoptions.

Planning Director Dena Martin presented the Interlocal Agreement Between Asotin County and Columbia County for the Regional Shoreline Master Program Update Process. The Board authorized Dena to move forward with the approval process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

Charles L. Amerein
Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: Comm 11/30/21

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: <u>MH, RR, VS, CA #</u>	Time:
1 Public Hearing:	9:00
2 Jeromy Phinney	
3 Chuck Eaton	
4 Mike Spring	
5 Joe Helm	
6 Chris Mills	
7 Tammy Ketterman	
8 melanie mings (z)	Pub Hearing closed @ 9:11
9 Dayton Chronicle (z)	
10 Anne Higgins (z)	9:20
11 Delphine Bailey (z)	
12 Jennie Dickinson	
13 Ashley Strickland	9:35
14 Shane Brown	
15 Naedene Shearer	9:40
16 Steven Van Fleet	
17 Ashley Strickland	10:00
18 Chelsea Eaton	10:45
19 Carrie Honeycutt	10:45
20 Beka Compton	11:00