



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

December 14, 2021

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

A special meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on December 14, 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 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members of the community were present to discuss their support of the broadband internet project for Dayton. Details were given regarding the cost of the project, amount of grant funds, and needed matching funds. The costs and benefits of broadband in the community were highlighted by Anne Walsh.

Citizens expressed their support, and the need for broadband internet service for their businesses, schools, and healthcare purposes.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Delphine Bailey and Chelsey Eaton held a discussion regarding the contracts for nurses and increasing the salary of the Public Health nurses while the nurse position is open; as well as changing the salary schedule for the nurses position to move step 13 to be the new entry level.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the changes to the Public Health salary schedule for the two nursing positions making step 13 the new entry level and removing the unneeded nursing line. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve raising the contract nurses' wage from \$35 an hour to \$50 an hour until the nursing position is filled. The motion unanimously carried.

9:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

An executive session was held for 15 minutes with Chuck Eaton to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:15 am; no direction was given and no action was taken.

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action was taken.

An executive session was held for 10 minutes with Dave Finney to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:40 am; no direction was given and no action was taken.

The Board held miscellaneous discussions on topics such as preliminary budgets and broadband internet. A special meeting was set for Friday to review 2022 budgets.

At 11:45 am the Board recessed until 6:30 pm.

6:30 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY BOARD

The Board reconvened at 6:30 pm to conduct interviews for the two open Library Board positions. A list of attendees is attached.

Applicants Sharon Mendel, Michele Smith, Chuck Beleny, Amy Rosenberg and Kevin Rust answered interview questions from the Board.

An executive session was held for 40 minutes to discuss qualifications for candidate office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The session closed at 8:30 pm; no action was taken.

Commissioner Hall moved to appoint Michele Smith to the term that ends March 31, 2023 and Chuck Beleny to the position for the term that expires March 31, 2025 for the Library Board. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



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Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 12-14-21 Special

Place/Room: comm

Please Print Name: All Commis + VS		Time:
1	Anne Walsh	9:00 am
2	Bob Hutchens	
3	Belinda Larsen	
4	Bette Lou Crothers	
5	Vicki Zoller (z)	
6	Bee Stevenson	
7	Martha Lanman (z)	
8	Sean Thurston	
9	Dayton Chronicle (z)	
10	Chelsey Eaton (z)	
11	Bob Greene	
12	Denisse Campbell	
13	Cathy Abel (z)	
14	Delphine Bailey	9:30
15	Shawn Brown	9:00 am
16	Tan Strohbehn	9:55
17	Chuck Eaton	9:45
18	Dave Finney	10:30
19		6:20 pm
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MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 12-14-21 special evening Place/Room:

Please Print Name:		Time:
1	KATHRYN TAPIO	6:30
2	STEVE TAPIO	6:30
3	Seth Bryan	6:30
4	Melissa Bryan	6:30
5	Sharon Mendel	6:30
6	Kraig H. Racher	6:30
7	Charles Beleny	6:30
8	Kevin Rust	6:30
9	Jay Ball	
10	Aneesha Diew (Z)	
11	Karin Spann (Z)	
12	Dayton Chronicle (Z)	
13	Todd Vanderbark (Z)	
14	Michele Smith	6:42 pm
15	Ammy Rosenberg	7:10
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