



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

December 20, 2021

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on December 20, 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 - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; no action was taken.

10:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: 2022 BUDGET ADOPTIONS

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am to discuss the proposed budget adoptions for the Public Works Department, various funds and current expense. A list of those present is attached. The proposed budget adoptions for 2022 were reviewed and an opportunity for public comment was given. No public comment was made. The hearing closed at 10:12 am.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2021-64 Diverting road funds. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2021-65 in the Matter of adopting the 2022 Public Works Department Budgets. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2021-66 in the Matter of Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 for Columbia County Various Budgets. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2021-67 in the matter of adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2022 for the Current Expense fund. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Chuck Eaton was present and discussed a resolution for authorizing the lease of a grader that was previously approved earlier in the year.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2021-68 Authorizing the lease of a 2021 150AWD motor grader and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.



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An executive session was held for 20 minutes with Chuck Eaton and Jeremy Weiland to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:45 am; no direction was given and no action was taken.

Commissioner Hall moved to accept the resignation of Chuck Eaton, Columbia County Public Works Engineer. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding office staffing at Public Works.

An executive session was held for 8 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:15 am; no direction was given and no action was taken.

11:15 AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:15 am.

The Board of Health adjourned at 11:35 am and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

11:45 AM - PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin discussed and presented short plat SP2021-02 for approval.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the McLeod short plat SP2021-02 as presented by the Planner and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Amerien moved to approve the deposits and warrants for October in the amount of \$1,424,813.24. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the deposits and warrants for November in the amount of \$1,765,533.94. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the 2022 salary schedule as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board discussed board assignments for the upcoming year, changes were made and the Board agreed on all changes.



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The Board held a discussion regarding the use of ARPA funds for the local broad band project in cooperation with the Port of Columbia for matching funds. Commissioner Hall suggested matching funds in the amount of \$90,000 of the asked amount of \$96,500, hoping the local internet providers will do their part to contribute.

Commissioner Hall moved to support the broad band project in the amount of \$90,000 of the requested \$96,500 in ARPA funds. The motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote. Commissioners Hall and Rundell in favor of, and Commissioner Amerein against.

No comment was made regarding the liquor license renewal and the marijuana license renewal.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt the Interlocal Agreement with Walla Walla for providing various equipment services. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 6, 13, 14, 2021 meetings. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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

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MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 12-20-21

Place/Room: COMMS

Please Print Name: All commis + VS		Time:
1	Tim Quigg	9:00 am
2	Chuck Eaton	
3	Dena Martin	
4	Chris Mills	
5	Delphine Bailey	
6	Carla Rowe	
7	Bobbie Patterson	
8	Tim Dyke (z)	
9	Melanie Mings (z)	
10	Amber Phinney (z)	
11	Kim (z)	
12	Krissy Chapman(z)	
13	Dale Slack(z)	
14	Leanne (z)	
15	Regina Phakenge(z)	
16	Dayton Chronicle (z)	
17	Scott Marinella	9:10
18	Anne Higgins	
19	Sue Marinella	
20	Naedene Shearer	

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Meeting Date: 12-20-21

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Chuck Beleny	9:50 am
2 Jeff McCowen	10:05
3 Stephanie Konen	10:18
4 Jeremy Weiland	10:22
5 Craig Horlacher	
6 Jan Strohbehn	11:15
7 Delphine Bailey	11:15
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