



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

August 8, 2022

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

A special meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 8, 2022, with Chairman Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, and Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 AM - SEAN THURSTON

A discussion was held regarding the golf course irrigation project. Grants have been applied for and Sean has requested matches from the County to proceed with grant applications. Dave Finney supported Sean's research and findings for the grant funds and encouraged the Board to move forward. A resolution will be drafted and presented at the August 15 meeting. No action was taken.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

An executive session was held for 30 minutes with Katie Roughton to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:00 am; direction was given; no action was taken.

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

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Interim County Engineer Grant Morgan was present with other public works employees to discuss staffing in the public works office. Reclassifying positions and reassigning duties were discussed and Grant presented an organizational chart as well as a reorganization recommendation and salary schedule. The duties of risk manager will no longer be handled by the prosecuting attorney and could be included in a position through public works; Dave Finney volunteered to assist with those duties as well as others described in the organizational chart, which would be a new position and would begin in 2023.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt the proposed Public Works organizational chart with the addition of a balloon for the project manager position as discussed. The motion unanimously carried.



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Grant officially recommended that Amber Phinney be appointed as the permanent Assistant Public Works Director and Jeff McCowen be appointed to a newly created position as the Project Manager in Engineering. Both Amber and Jeff are currently working in that capacity, and have been doing so for quite some time. The Project Manager would start at Range 18 -Step 3 and the Assistant PW Director would start at Range 20 - Step 3.

Commissioner Rundell moved to appoint Jeff McCowen as Project Manager at range 18 step 3 and Amber Phinney to Assistant Public Works Director/Business Manager at range 20 step 3. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

An executive session was held for 25 minutes with Carla Rowe to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:55 am; no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:55 am.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Chairman

Charles L. Amerein
Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8-8-22

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time: 9:00 am
1	Dave Schreck	
2	Dave Finney	9:00 & 10:25
3	Sean Thurston	
4	Carla Rowe	9:00 & 11:25
5	Barbara (z)	
6	Dayton Chronicle (z)	
7	Anne Higgins (z)	9:45
8	Melanie Mings (z)	10:05
9	Cathy Abel (z)	
10	Grant Morgan	10:25
11	Jeff McCowen	
12	Amber Phinney	
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