



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

October 17, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on October 17th, 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.

9:00 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Public comment was taken from Theresa Eier regarding the Sheriff's office, the lack of Risk Management and a County HR Department. Jason Utt had comments regarding the MPD as well as Diane McKinley and Elise Severe.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; no action was taken. Jason Laughery will be hiring an additional custodian due to a vacancy.

9:40 AM - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Carla Rowe and Cathy Abel, via Zoom, were present to give the third quarter report for 2022. Carla reviewed the Treasurers Trust Fund and reported an adjustment was needed in the amount of \$252.46. Resolution #2022-31 was drafted and presented for approval.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2022-31 In the Matter of Approving a Prior Period Adjustment. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Columbia County Planner Dena Martin presented the annual comprehensive plan document to review amendments. The Planning Commission has reviewed and approved the documents.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2022-29 In the Matter of Adopting Findings and Conclusions for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Docket. The motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance #2022-02 was presented and discussed. The Planning Commission has approved the Ordinance and all amendments to the agricultural and residential zones.



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Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-02 Changing Chapter 18.20 Agricultural Zone and Chapter 18.35 Agricultural Residential Zone Amendments. The motion unanimously carried.

10:25 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110 (1)(H)

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

10:45 AM - INTERVIEW: COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

An interview was held with Jann Manwell to fill the position of County Auditor for the remainder of the 2022 term.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution 2022-30 in the Matter of Appointing Jann Manwell as Auditor for Columbia County. The motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote; Commissioners Amerein and Rundell in favor of and Commissioner Hall against.

11:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:15 am. Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board of Health adjourned at 11:25 am and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the warrants and direct deposits for September 2022; #36403-36770 in the amount of \$1,313,843.81. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes for Oct. 3rd, 7th, and 10th, 2022. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the Local Burn Permitting Authority Cooperative Agreement between Columbia County and the Department of Ecology. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to proclaim the first week of October as the annual observance of YWCA Week Without Violence. The motion unanimously carried.



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No comment was made regarding the liquor license renewal for Dumas Station Wines.

Commissioner Amerein authorized Dave Finney to move forward with the bidding process and award the lowest qualified bidder, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board discussed Joanna Morgan's proposal for recruiting services and agreed to utilize her services to recruit an HR Manager. The cost will come out of the Commissioners budget. The contracted, temporary position is not to exceed 6 months at \$74/hour and not to exceed 40 hrs a week. Joanna may work remotely from home as needed.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve Joanna Morgan's proposal to work as an HR Recruiter for Columbia County with the agreed upon terms. The motion unanimously carried.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:30 PM - BUDGET REVIEWS

The Juvenile Justice Department reviewed their preliminary 2023 budget with the Board. No action was taken.

2:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL 42.30.110.(1)(G)

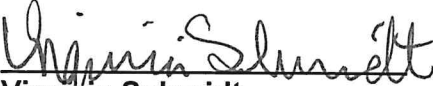
An executive session was held for 20 minutes with Desirae Lockard to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:20 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

2:30 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: POTENTIAL LITIGATION 42.30.110(1)(i)

An executive session was held for 40 minutes with Dale Slack and Joe Helm to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 3:15 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:15 pm.

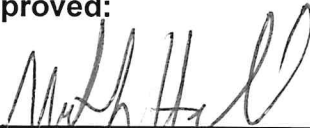
Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

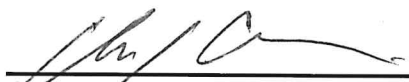


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Approved:



Marty J. Hall, Chairman



Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 10-17-22

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time:
1	Dena Martin	9 am
2	Amber Phinney	
3	Katie Roughton	
4	Dave Schnech	
5	Dain Nysoe	
6	Seth Murdock + plus his dog	
7	Jack Miller	
8	Joe Helm	
9	Theresa Eier	
10	Desi Lockard	
11	Carla Rowe	
12	Claudia Nysoe (z)	
13	Phone 7 (z) Elise Severe	
14	MW (z)	
15	Waitsburg Times (z)	
16	Barbara	zoom
17	Phone	
18	Dayton Chronicle	
19	Shelbie McLeod	
20	Morgan Poche	

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Meeting Date: 10-17-22

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:		Time:
1	Enika Greenup (z)	
2	Jay Takemura (z)	
3	Cathy Abel (z)	
4	Melanie Mings (z)	
5	Norrie Gregoire (z)	
6	Dak Slack (z)	
7	Jason HT	
8	Krissy Chapman	
9	Diane Dill (z)	
10	Dianne McKinley (phone)	
11	Jason Laughery	
12	Randy Schafer	
13	Chuck Belamy BOH	11:00
14	Nancy Laughery	11:10
15	Jon Cassetto (z)	1:30
16	Norrie Gregoire (z)	
17	Corrections JJC / Kayla Zimmer	
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