



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

November 21, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on November 21, 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 - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Public comments were made regarding the selection of library books at the Public Library.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

9:45 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: LEVY CERTIFICATIONS

A public hearing was held at 9:45 am to discuss the proposed levy certifications. A list of those present is attached. The proposed levy certifications were reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 9:55 am.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2022-36 in the matter of the 2023 Current Expense Levy. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to adopt Resolution #2022-37 in the matter of the 2023 County Road levy. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2022-38 in the matter of the 2023 EMS Levy. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2022-41 in the matter of collection of Soldiers and Sailors funds for 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Grant Morgan, Amber Phinney and Dave Finney were present to review the 2023 preliminary budget for the Public Works Department, which include Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation and ER&R.

The Board had no objection to combining insurance benefits for married couples that are employed by Columbia County. Amber will draft an interoffice memo.



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A public hearing was set to hear comments on the proposed name change of county road currently named Barclay Lane to Tamarack Lane. The public hearing was set for December 5th, 2022.

Dave Finney presented Resolution #2022-40 and the contract for Mill Creek Mechanical for the Board's review and approval.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2022-40 in the matter of awarding the bid for the Courthouse HVAC project to Mill Creek Mechanical; and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. The motion unanimously carried.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin presented Resolution #2022-39 for review and approval. An interfund loan to the Growth Management fund is needed to temporarily cover the expenditures while waiting for grant reimbursement which will be repaid in January 2023.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2022-39 in the matter of approving an interfund loan between the current expense reserve and the growth management fund. The motion unanimously carried.

A contract for professional services between the Columbia County Planning Department and Cramer Fish Sciences was presented.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the professional services contract with Cramer Fish Sciences for the VSP monitoring effort and authorized the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

11:15 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larson, Anne Walsh and Bette Lou Crothers were present for a discussion regarding appropriation of Hotel/Motel funds in 2023. A request was made for 90% of the H/M fund to be set aside for the Chamber of Commerce. The Board agreed to discuss the request and negotiate an agreeable percentage in the near future.

11:30 AM - BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:40 am.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

Payroll increases were requested for the fiscal agent, to step 24, and a six-month probationary increase for the CPWI coordinator.



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The Board of Health adjourned at 11:40 am and the BOCC readjoined.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110 (4)(A)

An executive session was held for 40 minutes to discuss collective bargaining sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). The session closed at 1:40 pm; no action was taken.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Jason Laughery was present for the 2023 preliminary budget review for the courthouse maintenance budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 7, 2022. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell approved October warrants #36771-37164 and direct deposits in the amount \$1,431,090.69. The motion unanimously carried.

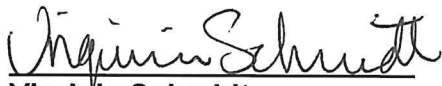
A public hearing was set for December 12, 2022 to hear comments on the proposed 2023 county budgets.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the nomination of Bill Warren to the Columbia County Weed Board for the term of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

A payroll change form for Felice Wiens to increase hours from 35 to 40 was approved by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board



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Approved:

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Marty J. Hall, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Amerein", written over a horizontal line.

Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan R. Rundell", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 11-21-22	Place/Room:
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Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time: 9:00 am
1	Jack Miller	
2	Tammy Ketterman	
3	Dave Schreck	
4	Melanie Mings(z)	
5	Carla Rowe (z)	
6	Cathy Abel (z)	
7	Jann Manwell	
8	Jessi(z)	
9	Citizen(z)	
10	Seth Murdock	
11	Paula Murdock (z)	
12	Dayton Chron (z)	
13	Morgan Porche(z)	
14	Regina Phalange(z)	
15	Barbara(z)	
16	Dena Martin(z)	
17	Katie Roughton	
18	Jason Laughery	
19	Joann Patrice	
20	Joe Helm	

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Please Print Name:		Time:
1	Anne	9:15
2	Spring	9:40
3	Jeremy Phinney	
4	<u>Public Hearings</u>	9:45 am
5	Jack Miller	
6	Tammy Ketterman	
7	Spring	
8	Dave Schreck	
9	Jeremy Phinney	
10	Tann Mammell	
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12	Amber Phinney	10:00
13	Grant Morgan	
14	Dave Finney	
15	Belinda Larson	11:10
16	Anne Walsh	
17	Bette Lou Crothers	11:15
18	Chuck Beleny	
19	Nancy Laughery	
20	Jan Strohschein (2)	