



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

December 5, 2022

8:45 AM - FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT

Meeting minutes of the Flood Control Zone District are available upon request and can be found on the County's website.

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on December 5, 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

Time was allowed for public comments; no public comments were made.

9:10 AM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Director Tina Bobbitt was present for introductions, initial updates and questions regarding the Emergency Management Department. County vehicle use and cell phones were discussed.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTOR

An executive session was held for 15 minutes with Dale Slack to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:45 am; direction was given; no action was taken.

Dale Slack requested a stipend due to a shortage of office staff and the Board agreed to the temporary increase of \$3000 per month. April King is resigning as Deputy Prosecutor. Rebecca Coaly has completed her 6-month probation. Payroll change forms were presented and signed.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY ENGINEER

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am to discuss the proposed change to the name of Barclay Lane to Tamarack Lane. A list of those present is attached. The proposed road name change was reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 10:02 am.



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Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2022-42 in the matter of changing the name of Barclay Lane to Tamarack Lane. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant Morgan and Amber Phinney were present to discuss updates from the public works department and review the preliminary 2023 budgets for the special purpose funds such as paths and trails, solid waste, etc. A discussion was held regarding loan forgiveness and road diversion funds.

Grant Morgan received approval from the Board to hire a Land Surveyor/Engineering Manager that will work remotely from an office in Clarkston.

10:30 AM - AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

The Board attended the audit exit conference via Microsoft Teams. The State Auditor reviewed the audit and no findings were reported for the financials or accounts payable.

11:00 AM - TOWN OF STARBUCK REPRESENTATIVES

Community members and representatives from the town of Starbuck were present to discuss County services. Recent complaints regarding civil issues from the town of Starbuck were addressed; no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

The public hearing for 2023 budget adoptions will be rescheduled for December 19th. A public hearing for 2022 budget amendments will be scheduled.

Commissioner Rundell drafted a letter in support of the City's efforts to clean out the channel in the Touchet River to restore the flood capacity. The letter was signed by the Board.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the Washington State Public Defense contract for Indigent Defense Grant Funds and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 21, 28 and 30, 2022. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the levy certifications as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

11:45 AM - BREAK FOR LUNCH



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The Board recessed for lunch at 11:20 am.

1:00 - 4:30 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

An executive session was held to conduct four interviews for the Human Resources Manager position to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 4:50 pm; no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 12-5-22

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time:
1	FCZD	8:45
2	Dave Schreck	
3	Amber Phinney	
4	Grant Morgan	
5	Dayton Chronicle (2)	
6	Barbara (2)	
7	Nedene Shearer (2)	
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9	Dave Schreck	9:00 am
10	Carla Rowe	
11	Tina Bobbitt	
12	Melanie Mings (2)	
13	Dale Slack	9:30
14	JD Ronnberg	9:15
15	Katherine Shearer (2)	10:45 am
16	Charles Hill (2)	
17	Candace Harrison +	
18	John Guilloffe	
19	Col. Co. Public Health (2)	
20	Jan Strohbehn (2)	

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1 Zonia Dedloss (phone)

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Skip Russell - Starbuck
509-399-2100 Clerk
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