



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

January 17, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on January 17, 2022, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, and Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment. No comments were made.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments. Two new employees were introduced and two employees resigned from employment with the county. No action was taken.

The Board encouraged the Handbook Policy Committee to resume meetings to amend the policy handbook. The Board would like to form a committee to discuss county health benefits.

9:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

County Planner Dena Martin recommended reappointment for 2 seats on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hall moved to reappoint Bill Carter to seat 2 and Pete Paulino to seat 4 on the Planning Commission for new terms ending 12-31-2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena reviewed the 2022 annual updates for the Planning Department. No action was taken.

10:00 AM - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Carla Rowe and Shauna Westergreen were present to give the 2022 4th quarter financial review.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Human Resources Manager Kristi Zinn was present for introductions and a discussion regarding office procedures and scheduling meetings for the handbook policy committee.



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11:15 AM - DAYTON DAYS - LOYAL BAKER

Loyal Baker requested the use of the fairgrounds for Dayton Days on May 24-28th, 2023 and requested \$2500 in hotel/motel fund funds to pay for advertising.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve \$2500 in hotel/motel funds to Dayton Days to advertise for the event on May 24-28th, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

11:30 AM - BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:30 am.

Minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 12:00 pm.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

An executive session was held for 20 minutes with Anne Higgins to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 1:35pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

The Board received and accepted a formal resignation from Auditor Anne Higgins. The open position of auditor will be advertised.

1:30 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: UNION NEGOTIATIONS RCW 42.30.140(4)(B)

An executive session was held for one hour and thirty minutes to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 2:55 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 3rd, 4th, 9th, and 12th, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the December 2022 warrants #'s 37531-37976 and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,952,246.35. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell agreed to be on the Palouse RTPO Transportation Policy Board contingent on the date, time, and frequency of the meetings.



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The Board had no objections to the broadband rapid design study as requested by the State Broadband Office Infrastructure Programs Manager, through the Washington State Department of Commerce.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 1-17-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS

Time: 9:00 am

1 Dave Schreck

2 Tammy Ketterman

3 Kristi Zinn

4 Tina Bobbitt

5 Dena Martin

6 Katie Boughton + Greg Abramson

7 Carla Rowe (z)

8 Dayton Chronicle (z)

9 Joe Helm (z)

10 Melanie Mings (z)

11 Diane Dill (z)

12 Amber Phinney

13 Grant Morgan

14 Jason Laughery

15 Cathy Abel (z)

16 Office Manager (z)

9:30

17 Loyal Baker - Dayton Days

11:15 am

18 Delphine Bailey (z)

11:15

19 Jan Strohbehn (z)

11:30

BoH

20 Chuck Beleny

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