



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

May 15, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on May 15, 2023, 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

Mackey Smith introduced himself and reviewed the details of the Community Needs Assessment.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

9:40 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNSELING

Dimita Warren presented the 2023 Agreement for Columbia County Behavioral Health with an amendment to the start date being shifted to calendar year.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the 2023 Agreement for Columbia County Behavioral Health with the amendment to the start date. The motion unanimously carried.

Dimita requested an additional \$500 in funds from the sales tax allotted for Mental health and Substance Use Disorder services. Blue Mountain Counseling currently receives \$2,000 per month and there has been an increase in the number of individuals requesting services. Action was tabled allowing for more information to be gathered.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan presented and discussed the rock royalty payment and the quarry site use agreement as well as the CRAB contract to complete the Kellogg Hollow Road Project.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Rock Royalty Payment and Quarry Site Use Agreement. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve and sign the CRAB contracts for the Kellogg Hollow Road Project 0723-01. The motion unanimously carried.



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Grant gave updates regarding the roof replacement at the senior center. Additional estimates will be received before making a decision and a broad estimate of approximately \$50,000 for repairs was suggested.

Grant held a discussion regarding the need for amendments to the 6 year transportation plan, as well as corresponding Resolution #2023-15.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-15 in the matter of amendment to the transportation plan. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding amending the pay scale for temporary laborers.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the 2023 salary schedule for temporary laborers as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

At 10:45 am, an executive session was held for twenty-five minutes with Grant Morgan, Amber Phinney and Tyler Huff to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:10 am; direction was given; no action was taken.

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize Grant to offer the Facilities Manager position to the candidate of choice. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant Morgan announced Tyler Huff as the new Facilities Manager position effective May 16th.

11:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Planning Director Dena Martin was present to give departmental updates as well as a request to be the Interim Building Official.

Commissioner Hall moved to appoint Dena Martin as the Interim Building Official, effective May 15, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena announced that Robert Stearns has been hired, at step one, to fill the position of building official. Additional steps will be given as training and certifications are completed.

11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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



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A limit increase was approved for the credit card in Kristen Thorstenson's name, up to \$5,000. A credit card for Environmental Health was approved with a limit of \$5,000.

At 11:55 am, the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

11:50 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larsen was present to request \$3,000 in Hotel/Motel funds for the All Wheels Weekend event.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the request for Hotel/Motel funds from the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$3,000. The motion unanimously carried.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tina Bobbitt requested a credit card with a limit of \$5,000

Commissioner Miller moved to approve a credit card for the E911 supervisor with a limit of \$5,000. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding Grant Agreement SAF-EMPH FY 22.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve and sign the Grant Agreement for SAF-EMPH 2022. The motion unanimously carried.

1:30 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 1:30 pm, an executive session was held for 30 minutes with Kristi Zinn and Dale Slack to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 2:00 pm, the session was extended for an additional 30 minutes. The session closed at 2:30 pm; no direction was given; no action was taken.

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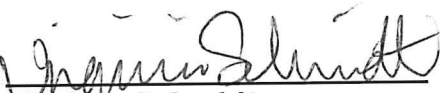
Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 1 and 8, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve April warrant #'s 39044-39431 in the amount of \$1,742,465.02. The motion unanimously carried.



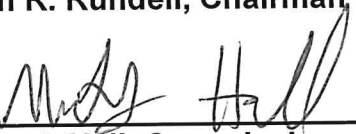
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 5-15-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All comms +VS		Time: 9:00 am
1	Dave Schreck	
2	Mackey Smith	8:55
3	Will Hutchens	
4	Tammy Ketterman	
5	Carla Rowe	
6	Tina Bobbitt	
7	Katie Roughton	
8	Grant Morgan	
9	Amber Phinney	
10	Kristi Zinn	
11	Joe Helm	
12	Sadie Gregg (z)	
13	Dave Slack (z)	
14	Cathy Abel (z)	
15	Naedene Shearer (z)	
16	Dena Martin (z)	
17	Kristen Thorstenson (z)	
18	Diane Dill (z)	
19	Erail Hall (z)	9:25
20	Dimita Warren	9:40

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Place/Room:

Please Print Name:		Time:
1	Tyler Huff	10:45 am
2	Jasmine Helm	11:25
3	Chuck Beleny	
4	Nancy Laughery	
5	Thomas VtH	
6	Belinda Larsen	11:45
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