



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

July 15, 2024

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on July 15th, 2024, with Chairman Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Ashley Kilts present. List of attendees is attached.

9:00 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; new employee, Microsoft upgrade;

Commissioner Hall moved to allow Tim Dyke to grant access to 911 information to Micheal Fields in his capacity under a working contract with E911 and Emergency Management. The motion unanimously carried.

I.T. director Tim Dyke discussed the possibility of adding a 2-factor authentication clause to the county cell phone policy. Additional conversations with the Prosecuting Attorney and Human Resources will be held.

9:45 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL: DANIELLE GARBE-RESER

Danielle Garbe-Reser, Ted Koehler and Michelle McCleary were present to discuss partnership programs between Columbia County and Blue Mountain Action Council. BMAC is considering purchasing the Knoblock Apartment complex and have requested a letter of support for the purchase, as well as a pledge of financial support using funds from the Homelessness fund. No action was taken and continued discussions will be held.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A bid opening was held for the Lower Hogeye Project. The engineer's estimate is \$2,289,491.00

Bids received were as follows:

Culbert Construction, Pasco, WA - \$2,096,423.72
Wheeler Excavation, LLC, Benton City, WA - \$1,955,555.00
NA Degerstrom INC, Spokane, WA - \$2,241,268.50
Nelson Construction, Walla Walla, WA - \$2,088,000.00
Don Jackson Excavation, LLC, Milton-Freewater, OR - \$1,898,628.75



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The engineer will review the bids for accuracy and will recommend awarding the bid at the next meeting.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin presented the Werry short plat #2024-02 for approval and noted that the hearing examiner had no objections.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the Werry Short Plat #2024-02. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena held a discussion regarding an interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for inspection services contingent on if the need arises. An interlocal agreement will be drafted and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney, and confirmation of an hourly rate. Any additional costs would be taken out of the Planning and Building budget and the agreement will be on an as-needed basis.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with Walla Walla County for inspection services, pending the Prosecuting Attorney's approval. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY WSU EXTENSION

Naedene Shearer presented a job description for a part-time position as a noxious-weed field technician. An amendment to the Extension's salary schedule and a salary scale is needed.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the noxious weed technician job description as a part-time position. The motion unanimously carried.

10:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE/PARKS AND RECREATION

Tyler Huff presented a payroll change form for Jason Laughery and the Board directed Tyler to find the funds within the budget to allow for the increase and approach the Board again with the request.

Tyler discussed a grant for the fairgrounds that had been awarded to the County. The Board directed Tyler to look into the grant details to determine what additional projects the funds can be used for and report back.

Tyler reported that there are concerns regarding the Blue Mountain Counseling



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building. The timing of the roof repair may have caused water damage and the damage will be assessed. The Board directed Tyler to look into the matter further.

At 11:00 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes with Tyler Huff to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). The session closed at 11:25 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

At 11:25 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:00 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

At 12:00 pm, the Board recessed until 6:00 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 1 and 8, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve June warrants #44163-44504, excluding districts, in the amount of \$2,354,189.94. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made for the liquor license renewal for Ski Bluewood.

6:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment and no public comments were made.

At 6:07 pm, an executive session was held for 15 minutes to discuss real estate acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The session closed at 6:25 pm; no action was taken.

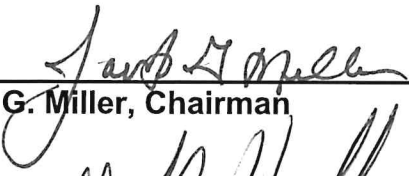
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board



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Approved:



Jack G. Miller, Chairman



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 7-15-24

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AL	Time:
1 Dena Martin	9am
2 Joe Helms	
3 Tyler Huff	
4 Andrew Andrew Wade	
5 Desi Lockard	
6 Tammy Ketterman	
7 Nancy Beranster	
8 Columbia County (2) Krissy Chapman	
9 Carla Rowe	
10 Grant Morgan	
11 Kim Boggs (2)	
12 Tim Dyke	
13 Jan Strubahn	
14 Jasmin Helms (2)	
15 Kristin Thorstenson (2)	
16 Ted Kolher	
17 Michelle McLeary	
18 Danielle Garbe-Reser	
19 Stephanie Konen	
20 Jeff McLonon	

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Please Print Name:		Time:
1	Chris Roberts - Culbert Construction	10:01
2	Kelley Wheeler - Wheeler Excavation	10:00
3	Tamra Morris - Don Jackson Excavation	10:00
4	Ryan Koenig - Koenig Rock Crashing	10:00
5	Grant Bull - NELSON	10:00
6	Ty Burns - Nelson Construction	10:00
7	Fred Clark	10:15
8	Madison Sherrer	
9	Barb Miller	6pm
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