



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

OCTOBER 7, 2019

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on October 7, 2019, with Chairman Michael A. Talbott, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Charles L. Amerein, and Clerk of the Board Leanne J. Peters present.

8:45 AM ROSIE GALLAHER

A discussion was held regarding indoor arena use at the fairgrounds. Currently damage that was done during the fair is being repaired. The arena should be available for use by next week.

9:00 AM SHANE LOPER AND MARCHUND HOVRUD

A discussion was held regarding a potential code violation on personal property.

**9:15 AM BROOK BEELER – WA DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND ALI FURMALL –
WA DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TOXIC CLEANUP PROGRAM**

A discussion was held regarding programs available for rural county toxic cleanup.

9:30 AM MISCELLANEOUS

A discussion was held regarding two Historic Preservation Grant applications that were received. Currently the fund is depleted and applicants will need to reapply next year.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the planning consultant agreement with Meagan Bailey. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to rescind Resolution 2017-03 in the matter of a project to upgrade the Columbia County Fairgrounds to increase economic development activities – demolition of the East Grandstands. The motion unanimously carried.

9:45 AM COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Chuck Eaton was present. Chuck updated the Board on projects and activities of the Public Works department.

10:30 AM DAVE FINNEY – COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Dave updated the Board on the projects being done at the courthouse; all L&I compliance issues are being addressed. Dave informed the Board that the costs of the HVAC replacement will be around \$350,000.00. This number included the \$125,000 grant that was received.

10:45 AM FINANCE COMMITTEE

A finance committee meeting was held with Anne Higgins and Carla Rowe to discuss the 3rd quarter financial review. A copy of the report is attached.

11:10 AM COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ashley Strickland was present. Ashley informed the Board that Barbara Phinney is retiring on October 15, 2019, a small reception will be held in the Commissioner’s office.

Ashley updated the Board on the status of grants and contracts for the department; no action was taken.

11:40 AM MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the contract with Walla Walla Senior Center for Columbia County Senior Center Building use. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Amerein moved to approve the minutes of the 8/12, 8/19, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 meeting minutes. The motion unanimously carried.

11:45 AM BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM 2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A budget work session was held to review the preliminary 2020 budget; no action was taken.

Commissioner Amerein moved to close the Planner’s Special Assessment Fund #138. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Leanne J. Peters
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Michael A. Talbott, Chairman

Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner