

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

August 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 21, 2017, with Chairman Michael A. Talbott, Commissioner Merle D. Jackson, Commissioner Norm J. Passmore, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present.

9:00 a.m. Department Head Meeting

A department head meeting was held to discuss general county business. Audrey McLean, Sharon Richter, Krissy Anderson, Kim Lyonnais, Martha Lanman, Dave Finney, Drew Woods, Lisa Caldwell, Scott Marinella, Michelle McCleary and Rocky Miller were present. Discussions included the announcement to the department heads that it was agreed to go with the 1/10 of one percent on sales tax. Also a change in payroll beginning the first of January of 2018 will reflect a change to hourly rates and not salaries. Payroll will also change to a full calendar month instead of the current arrangement. Pros and cons were discussed regarding the switch.

9:55 a.m. Columbia County Public Works

Drew Woods was present.

The county engineer presented the BOCC with a contract for work to be done on the Neace Bridge and requested the chairman to sign.

Commissioner Passmore moved to authorize the chair to sign the contract for the Neace Bridge work. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 a.m. Columbia County Superior Court Clerk

Sue Marinella was present.

Sue Marinella requested authorization to continue her part-time employee's benefits for the rest of the year. The BOCC agreed to continue the year as is.

10:30 a.m. Columbia County Finance Committee

Treasurer Audrey McLean and Auditor Sharon Richter were present. Michelle Smith was also present. Audrey handed out reports for the months of April through July and gave updates about the 2nd quarter financial review. A meeting is to be held in October for the 3rd quarter review.

11:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Parks and Recreation Facilities Rental Fees

A public hearing was held to discuss proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Rental Fees. Michelle Smith, Linda Miller and Dave Finney were present. The Board reviewed the proposed fee increases. The hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and adopt the new as amended facilities fees at the fairgrounds. The motion unanimously carried.

11:10 a.m. Columbia County Emergency Management

Lisa Caldwell informed the BOCC that the 911 contract has been approved and is almost ready for signatures. She asked the chairman to sign the 911 contract.

Commissioner Talbott moved to approve and have the chair sign the 911 contract from the state as soon as it comes in. The motion unanimously carried.

11:15 a.m. Blue Mountain Counseling

Dimita Warren was present.

Dimita presented contracts to be signed by the BOCC regarding county prevention services and behavioral services.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and accept the contracts for county prevention services agreement for July 1, 2015- June 30, 2017 and the contract for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Behavioral Services Agreement for the Columbia County Human Services delivery for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. The motion unanimously carried.

11:40 a.m. Break for lunch

1:15 p.m. Discussion: Golf Course

Dave Finney, Sharon Richter, Kim Lyonnias, Roger Trump, Mike Himmelberger and Michelle Smith were present.

A discussion was held regarding the Touchet Valley Golf Course. Commissioner Passmore presented facts about the golf course budgeting and talked about the possibilities in the future for different positions and ways to increase revenue for the golf course. No action was taken.

2:00 p.m. Columbia County Planning and Building

Kim Lyonnais was present.

A resolution was presented for approval in the matter of establishing a petty cash fund for the planning office.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Resolution 2017-20 in the matter of a petty cash fund for the Planning and Building Department and to purchase a cash box. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding ordinances, county codes and phrases that need amending.

Commissioner Jackson moved to pass Ordinance 2017-004 in the matter of Title 15, 16, 17, 18 for the Columbia County Code. The motion unanimously carried.

A meeting was requested for September 6th at 10:00 a.m. with the county planner to amend Title 19 nuisance ordinance code enforcement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Virginia Schmidt
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Michael A. Talbott, Chairman

Merle D. Jackson, Commissioner

Norm J. Passmore, Commissioner