

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**BOARD MEETING****MINUTES****April 15, 2020**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Margaret Magruder together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator via telecommunication with County Staff and public.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Tardif called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the April 1 & April 8, 2020 Board meeting and April 1 & April 8, 2020 work session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 5 MINUTE LIMIT:

None

MATTERS:

None

HEARING(S):

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Tardif read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and Agreements/ Contracts / Amendments as follows. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve 2020 Liquor License On- Premises Renewal for Yankton Store and Restaurant, LLC

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director – presented the RFP recommendation and the proposal from Pauly, Rogers. Discussion included how many total applicants for this RFP and price comparisons over the last couple of years.

Commissioner Heimuller moved, Commissioner Magruder seconded to authorize Louise Kallstrom, Finance Director to issue an intent to award letter to Pauly Rogers. The motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEALTH:

Mike Paul, Public Health Director updated information on COVID-19 cases. Oregon has approx. 1,600 cases it seems that Oregon has hit its plateau and hopefully numbers will continue to go down. Columbia County has 14 confirmed cases with 5 full recoveries out of the 14.

Mike talked about Governor Kate Brown's press conference yesterday that introduced a framework for reopening public life and business in Oregon while maintaining healthy communities. The governor stated that in order to begin reopening communities, Oregon must first slow the growth of COVID-19, as well as acquire adequate personal protective equipment to protect health care workers and first responders. Once those prerequisites are met Oregon can begin to reopen.

Oregon's projected surge date is April 21st, 2020

Please visit www.columbiacountyor.gov/news for the most updated information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller hoped that everyone had a great Easter.

He has been noticing that it appears that we are all getting into the groove of this new normal. For those of us who are still able to come into the office, conversations in the hallway are welcomed with social distancing, people are wanting that outreach to help break some of that loneliness that we have all been experiencing, it is therapeutic for all of us.

He cautioned that we should not always believe what we hear in the news. Often articles are based on person's perception and may not always be accurate. When talking about the news he did include not only newspapers but also social media posts. To clear up the post that was on social media the Columbia County Fair has not been canceled.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder echoed on Commissioner Heimuller's caution about social media and to do your due diligence to make sure the information is accurate before sharing.

The County Commissioners and the County as a whole, Public Health and the Emergency Management Team are working with United Way, The Food Bank, Community Action Team and CCMH to address the community needs in our homeless populations, senior populations and people are in need. Commissioner Magruder gave a heartfelt thank you to all involved and for all of the hard work they have done to help address needs of our communities.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif hoped everyone had a great Easter while having virtual dinners with family and friends. He thanked everyone for staying home and staying healthy during this challenge and as we get into the groove of this new normal.

With nothing further coming before this Board, this meeting adjourned. Dated this 15th day of April, 2020.

NOTE: Audio/video of the meeting is also posted on our website at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator

