

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

September 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on September 4, 2018, with Chairman Norm J. Passmore, Commissioner Merle D. Jackson, Commissioner Michael A. Talbott, and Clerk of the Board Leanne J. Peters present.

9:00 a.m. Executive Session: Union Negotiations RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)

An executive session was held for ½ hour with Lisa Ronnberg and Kevin Wesley, via telephone, to discuss union negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 9:27 a.m.; no action was taken.

9:30 a.m. Columbia County Public Works

Lisa presented a resolution for approval in the matter of the Ronin Bridge replacement.

Commissioner Talbott moved to adopt Resolution 2018-33 in the matter of the Ronan Bridge Replacement. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held with Lisa Ronnberg, Lisa Caldwell, and Sharon Richter regarding the security system for the county and who will reset it for each department. The matter will be discussed in-depth at the next department head meeting.

Lisa requested a public hearing be set to discuss the closure of Eckler Mountain and Maloney Mountain Roads.

Commissioner Talbott moved to set a public hearing in the courthouse courtroom at 7:00 p.m. on October 1, 2018. The motion unanimously carried.

Eian Ray was present to update the Board on the status of GIS services for the county. The Commissioners are very pleased with Eian's work thus far.

10:00 a.m. Columbia County Planning & Building

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Marijuana Moratorium

A public hearing was held to discuss an emergency marijuana moratorium for the county. A list of those present is on file. Public comment was taken, including email comments from Art Hall. The hearing closed at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Jackson moved to adopt Resolution 2018-34 in the matter of adopting findings of facts supporting marijuana moratorium ordinance. The motion unanimously carried.

11:15 a.m. Kathy Covey – Blue Mountain Action Council

A discussion was held regarding potential homelessness funding from FEMA for Columbia County. Kathy will pursue the paperwork to obtain the funding and BMAC will administer.

11:30 a.m. Columbia County Emergency Management

Lisa Caldwell was present. Lisa presented an amendment to the West End Tower Agreement due to a clerical error.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for West County Communications Enhancement System. The motion unanimously carried.

Lisa requested authorization to establish a Facebook page for Emergency Management; the Board had no issues.

11:40 a.m. Executive Session: Real Estate Acquisition RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

An executive session was held for 10 minutes to discuss Real Estate Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The session closed at 11:47 a.m.; no action was taken.


11:55 a.m. Recess for Lunch

1:00 p.m. Miscellaneous


A discussion was held with Dave Finney regarding amendments to the fairgrounds policies and the 2019 preliminary budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

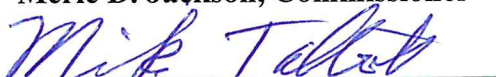
Submitted by:


Leanne J. Peters
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Norm J. Passmore, Chairman


Merle D. Jackson, Commissioner


Michael A. Talbott, Commissioner