

County Assessor accepts Multnomah County position

Long-time Columbia County Assessor Tom Linhares has announced his resignation, effective April 2, to accept a position as director of the

Multnomah County Tax Super-visor and Conservation Com-mission. The Commission, a five member citizen panel appointed by the Governor,

oversees the budgeting and taxing activities of thirty-six Multnomah County taxing districts, including some of the largest municipal governments in the state such as the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Portland Public Schools, Portland Community College and TriMet.

During his 17 years as county assessor, Linhares has overseen a number of changes in Oregon's property tax system, including major revisions resulting from Ballot Measure 5 in 1990 and Ballot Measure 50 in 1997. In addition, he has dealt with the creation of two urban renewal districts in the County. In a five year period, the method of calculating and collecting taxes for urban renewal agencies changed three times due to ballot measures and Oregon Supreme Court decisions.

"I've joked that every time I think I have the property tax

system figured out, the voters, the Legislature or the courts change it," Linhares said.

In his letter of resignation Linhares wrote, "Let me say, with every ounce of sincerity I possess, that it has been a personal and professional honor to serve the citizens of Columbia County these past 17 years. It is not easy to leave Columbia County and the many wonderful relationships that I have developed over the years."

Linhares, who first took office on January 5, 1987, has just completed the first year of his fifth, four year term.

Linhares also gave credit to the employees of the Assessor's Office, saying "whatever successes I have had over the years were a result of their contributions. The citizens of Columbia County have been, and will continue to be, well served by this dedicated group of employees."

Jones' efforts aid 9-1-1 users

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Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District Board Chairman Dee Wooley said, "I know I speak for the entire Board in congratulating Sally on this award, especially for receiving it twice, which no one else has done. Sally deserves the recognition, [we] see her outstanding leadership every day. The team she has hired and manages, and our agency partners are all focused on providing this essential service for our communities."

Jones started her public safety career as a dispatcher in 1973 in Pullman, Washington. She moved to Oregon in 1978 and worked as a dispatcher, trainer, supervisor and operations manager in Clackamas County and has directed Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District since 1991.



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- Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays 6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Saturdays 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
- American Legion Post #119 2nd Thursday 627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000
- Arts & Crafts Society 2nd Thursday 2:00 p.m., City Library
- Boosters 2nd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., VHS Library
- Boy Scout Troop 201 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin
- Boy Scout Troop 860 Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., LDS Church
- Cemetery Beautification Comm. 2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
- Chamber of Commerce 2nd Wednesday Noon, Lew's Place
- Cub Scout Pack 201 Scout Cabin For Info Call 503-429-0188
- Doll Club 4th Tuesday 1:00 p.m., Senior Center
- Friends of the Library 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
- Hands On Art Committee 3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
- Home Extension Club 3rd Thursday 10:30 a.m., Christian Church
- Izaak Walton League 3rd Thursday For location call 503-429-7193
- Lions Club 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
- Nehalem Valley Car Club For Info Call 503-429-4074
- Pioneer Museum For Info Call 503-429-8134
- Preschool Story Hour Mondays 10:30 a.m., City Library
- Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C. 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Vernonia Airport Committee 3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m., City Library
- Vernonia Cares Directors For location call 503-429-1414
- Vernonia City Council 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Vernonia Garden Group 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Museum
- Vernonia Grange 4th Saturday 10:30 a.m., Grange Hall
- Vernonia Health Center 2nd Monday 6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
- Vernonia Planning Comm. 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Vernonia Pride For Info Call, 503-429-5201
- Vernonia Ridge Riders Last Thursday 7:00 p.m., City Library
- Vernonia RFPD Board 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
- Vernonia School Board 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m., District Office
- Vernonia Sr. Center Board 3rd Friday 1:00 p.m., Senior Center
- Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
- Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
- WOEC Directors 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., WOEC

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- M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg. 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-BRFPD Board Workshop 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-B Ambulance Drill 1st & 2nd Thursdays 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-B Fire Drill 1st & 2nd Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-B Helping Circle 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-B SAR Drill 3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-B Volunteer Assoc. 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- Natal Grange 2nd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- Upr Nehalem Watershed Council For date call 429-2401 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

- Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays 8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Banks City Council 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Banks Fire District #13 2nd Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Station 13
- Banks Planning Commission Last Tuesday 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- Banks School Board 2nd Monday 7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
- Banks Youth Group Sundays, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
- Chamber of Commerce 1st Thursday 12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
- CPO 14 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m., City Library
- Friends of the Library 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., City Library
- Lions Club 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall
- Sunset Park Assoc. 3rd Wednesday 8:00 p.m., Gun Club
- T.O.P.S. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- Women's Aglow 2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m., City Library

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

- Board of Commissioners Wednesdays 10 a.m., Courthouse
- Citizens for Senior Justice 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
- Columbia Soil & Water District 3rd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., NRCS , 2514 Sykes
- County Fair Board 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
- County Parks Commission 3rd Monday 6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
- Mental Health Advisory Comm. 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
- Comm. on Children & Families 3rd Thursday 5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
- Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm. 2nd Tuesday 3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.