

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 30, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Board meeting and September 23, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 9/29/09.
- (B) Appoint Jean Marie Martwick to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, term to expire on July 1, 2011.
- (C) Ratify the corrected grant agreement with OECDD for 2007 Flood Recovery.
- (D) Ratify approval of the Depository Services Resolution and authorize signatures on various accounts with U.S. Bank.
- (E) Order No. 69-2009, "In the Matter of the Approval of Appointment of Jennifer Cuellar-Smith as Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Statement of Agreement for the Oregon Unified Certification Program and authorize Commissioner Hyde to sign.
- (G) Memorandum of Agreement between Columbia County Sheriff's office and Columbia Health District Public Health Authority.
- (H) Approve Agreement #25664 with ODOT Public Transit Division and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting last night. There was a lot of discussion held on health care issues.

She attended the County Transit meeting yesterday. Because this committee has not met for a few months, there was a lot of updates on the transit system, new routes, increased ridership, etc. The transit system is going very well and Janet and Henry have done an excellent job in obtaining grant funding, adding new vehicles, etc.

She also attended the Hospital Hearing the other night. There was quite a bit of testimony on this issue, both pro and con. This project has been in the works for about 9 years now, and hopefully in the next month or so, the state will have an answer.

Monday, she was at the CAT meeting. They have seen a big increase for assistance for utilities bills and are working on trying to accommodate those needs.

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to mention the beautiful potted plants in

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front of the courthouse and wanted to thank Means Nursery for their donation. Means has been very good about donating plants and flowers to various functions throughout the county.

She also wanted to give mention to Mr. & Mrs. Lee. This couple comes to St. Helens every summer donating their time to work around the courthouse grounds, planting flowers, watering, etc. She wanted to publicly thank them for what they do.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher met with representatives from PCC to discuss services in Columbia County. With the \$1.5 million the county pays into PCC, there needs to be classrooms available locally for the citizens. ESD is currently looking at some sites that may work.

He spent time this week looking at road improvement projects going on around the county, i.e. Havlik Road, Scappoose-Vernonia Road, and others. Seems to be going well.

Last week he attended a meeting in north county on economic development issues.

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Commissioner Fisher wanted to mention the letter the Board signed this morning, in support of the request by the Clatskanie Senior Center for funding through the Oregon Historical Society, for the very needed upgrades and repairs to "The Castle".

There was no Executive Session held.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th day of September, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____ *Not Present* _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary

Earl Fisher, Commissioner