

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 26, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting and January 19, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

*Fred Yauney, 32733 Apple Valley Road, Scappoose:* He moved here 41 years ago, was a trucker for 10 years, saw many towns all over the US and never found a place as nice as Columbia County. However, over the years the City of Portland has been dumping their sewage waste into the river and it's been bathing our beaches here in Columbia County for years. If a neighbor ran his sewage past your place, he would be forced to correct the problem. Why can't we fine the City of Portland for what they're doing to our water and beaches. If nothing is done about this, it will just continue to get worse. Something needs to be done.

**ORDINANCE #2011-1: WEST OREGON ELECTRIC ZONE CHANGE/SDR:**

This is the time set for deliberations "In the Matter of the Application of West Oregon Electric for a Major Map Amendment and Zone Change from Rural Residential (RR-5) to Community Service - Utility (CS-U) and a Site Design Review to Allow for the Siting of an Electrical Power Substation".

Robin asked that this matter be carried over one week to allow time to address some issues raised in the applicants final argument. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to carry over deliberations on this matter to February 2, 2011, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2011 AS "KIWANIS CHILDREN'S CANCER CURE MONTH":**

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation in full after which Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to proclaim February 2011 as "Kiwaniis

Children's Cancer Cure Month". The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fisher noted that he attended a program at the Clatskanie Kiwanis club last night and is happy to report that over \$2 million has been raised by Kiwanis Clubs throughout Oregon to support research and the care of children with cancer. There are many children in our county that are served, at reduced or no cost as a result of the Doernbecher program. The rate of survival for children under 5 is dramatically increased due to groups such as Kiwanis. Commissioner Heimuller stated that through this program, and others like it, there are almost 150 key club members, kids from our high schools, working on these projects and it has given them a sense of leadership from the ground up. They are working for kids in their own age groups. This district project ties in, not only Doernbecher but the Seattle Children's Hospital and the hospitals British Columbia. This effects us all in a positive way.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for January, 2011.
- (B) Order No. 4-2011, "In the Matter of Authorizing an Application to the Oregon Department of Energy for a Loan from the Small Scale Energy Loan Program for Energy Improvement Projects at the Columbia County Courthouse and Annex".
- (C) Appoint Henry Heimuller to the Oregon Consortium & Oregon Workforce Alliance Board to represent the Columbia County Commission.
- (D) Appoint Henry Heimuller to the Community Action Team Board to represent Columbia County Commission.
- (E) Appoint Bruce Carvalho to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a three year term.
- (F) Reappoint Cliff West to the Drainage Vector Control District Board for a 4 year term.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Friday attending an O&C Board meeting. They

continue to work on 2011 issues with regards to the Secure Rural Schools and also working on the re-authorization. We may know in 1-2 weeks if the re-authorization is in the President's budget.

On Monday he was in Salem to meet with Greg Wolf, the Governor's staff in charge of Economic Development. He unveiled the Governor's plan with regards to Oregon Solutions and the Economic Revitalization Team. He left that meeting very encouraged and excited about where they're going on this.

The Board all attended Senator Wyden's town hall last Saturday at the Armory. There was a lot of discussion on working across party lines.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher followed up on Senator Wyden's town hall. He wanted to compliment all who attended. People were very respectable and brought up a lot of diverse opinions, which is healthy.

He will be hosting another Decision Makers meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This group is made up of people from agencies around the county. Their on-going discussions are about sharing resources and services for more efficiency. He will keep the Board posted on any details.

Yesterday he met with the Director of the Clatskanie Together Coalition. These together coalitions are something that every community can have and there are funds available to get them started. This is a very good way to use volunteers to get various projects and programs done at a local level.

He attended the Highway 30 Safety Committee on Monday. There was a lot of good comments and discussion. As a result of that meeting, they approved a series of audits on three areas of the 57 miles along Hwy 30, to see what is going on and what can be done to improve the safety in those locations. They also approved the designation of a safety coordinator in an area between Scappoose and St. Helens, which involves the Bennett Road area. There are only 12 of these types of designations that can be had in the State of Oregon and this meets the criteria.

It also means that money will be available from ODOT for markers, signage and extra police patrol. This zone will not have a "double fine" attached. We are all aware of the number of accidents on Hwy 30 and, in fact, there was another one this morning.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**



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Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary