

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 9, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 February 2, 2011 Board meeting and February 2, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Leroy Johnson wanted to thank the Board for all they do and to share how important the right to vote is and that we all should do it. The most recent vote on the hospital tax shows that your vote does count. With regards to the hospital tax, he feels that before it even went to the voters, it should have been dissected and clearly defined so that it wasn't caught up in the court system.

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 week of January 31, 2011.
- (B) Appoint Janet Wright to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a three (3) year term.
- (C) Approve Personnel Action for Jean Ripa.
- (D) Ratify letter to Oregon Department of Energy regarding Cascade Grain Business Energy Tax Credits.
- (E) Approve the 2011 Liquor License Renewals for: Scipio's Goble Landing; Scappoose Market; and Island Cove Café & Market.
- (F) Reappoint Valarie Koss, Tom Linhares and Von Smith to the Elected Officials Compensation Board for a one (1) year term.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment #2 to IGA #3950 with the Oregon Department of Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Community Corrections Work Crew Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR FLOOD BUYOUTS:**

Sarah stated that there are two buy outs ready for closing, dealing with the flood mitigation. She spoke with Nina Reed at Ticor Title, who said there is an urgency to get these documents signed this week. Sarah spoke with Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Fisher this morning who are both in agreement with approving these documents today. After a brief review, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the following:

1) *Closing documents for Candice Olson to Columbia County:* Buyer's Settlement Statement and authorize the Chair to sign; HUD-1 Settlement Statement and authorize the Chair to sign; Escrow Instructions and General Provisions and authorize the Chair to sign; Accept Statutory Warranty Deed (Candice Olson to Columbia County) and authorize the Chair to sign; Deed Restriction (Candice Olson to Columbia County) and authorize the Chair to sign; and Preliminary Title Report and authorize the Chair to sign. Further....

2) *Closing Documents for Eileen Browning to Columbia County:* Buyer's Settlement Statement and authorize the Chair to sign; HUD-1 Settlement Statement and authorize the Chair to sign; Escrow Instructions and General Provisions and authorize the Chair to sign; Accept Statutory Warranty Deed (Eileen Browning to Columbia County) and authorize the Chair to sign; Deed Restriction (Eileen Browning to Columbia County); Preliminary Title Report and authorize the Chair to sign; and Certification of Authorization to Exceed Current Fair Market Value and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**CARCUS CREEK:**

Glen Crinklaw, Parks Director, was present to discuss a proposed timber harvest at Carcus Creek. The Parks Committee has reviewed the information and recommends the Board consider this request. Glen presented the Board with information detailing the harvest proposal, pricing trends, etc. and explained that the revenue generated would go towards replenishing the Parks Fund and the management of Carcus Creek.

Glen has been working with Woodland Management for the harvest, noting that Woodland Management is the same firm that prepared the management plan for Carcus Creek years

ago so they are very familiar with the property. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Heimuller seconded to authorize moving forward with this project. Under discussion, Robin stated that she will first need to prepare a Board Order and will have that ready for next week. With that, the motion was withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

The Board met with Sarah Granger of Multnomah County last week on sponsorship for the upcoming Annual NACo Conference to be held in Portland this year. This event will be bringing in 2,000 plus counties throughout the nation and will be a great opportunity to showcase Portland.

The Board is starting to make a lot of trips down to Salem as the legislature is ramping up.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher wanted to thank all those who attended Senator Merkley's open house last Sunday.

He will be at a meeting tomorrow in Salem for the Commission on Children & Families.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller is now a sitting Board member on the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority and Community Action Team. He recently attended meetings for both and will be giving a report to the Board at the next Staff meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

*The Board recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Heimuller and Sarah Hanson.*

JIM TIERNEY, CAT: BUY-OUT AND DEMOLITION ISSUES:

Jim Tierney was present to explain the situation on a couple of specific buyouts

and demolition of flood damaged homes. Lengthy discussion was held on the process followed and details of getting the two new homes closed and the contractual obligations. Jim stated that he is willing to have CAT be responsible for leasing these houses and be the landlord. Sarah expressed her concerns with that. The Board expressed their desire to just get these finalized.

Jim also presented some information on the 25% match for the Vernonia School project. He explained the accounting details for this project and that Dan Brown, FEMA and OEM are working through an extensive budget of the whole school project, what will be covered 100% by FEMA, what will be absorbed by the school, etc. Basically, the school is just going to take that much less in money.

Sarah stated that her office will draft an addendum for the CDBG grant.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Recording Secretary

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary