

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 16, 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 February 8, 2011 Work Session and February 9, 2011 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

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 February 7, 2011.
- (B) Order No. 9-2011, "In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations and Fee Schedule Governing Columbia County Forests, Parks, Beaches, Docks and Other Recreational Facilities Subject to Ordinance No. 94-9".
- (C) Order No. 10-2011, "In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services Contract for Forestry Services Consulting from the Screening and Selection Procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule".
- (D) 2011 Social Gaming License for Wayside Inn.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Ratify Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Columbia County and the Vernonia School District regarding Demolition of the Washington Grade School in Vernonia, Oregon and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (F) Agreement with Columbia NW Heating, Inc. for the Columbia County Fair and Event Complex Pavilion Heating System.
- (G) Personal Services Contract with Woodland Management for Forestry Services Consulting.
- (H) Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Contract for FF 09 Project Grant (PJ-CFDA 97.029) with Oregon Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Approve the Northwest Natural Utility Application for the CC Rider Transit Facility and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Agreement with Mark's Custom Exteriors for the Columbia County Fair and Event Complex Pavilion Door project.

The motion carried unanimously.

ODOE GRANT APPLICATION FOR COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS:

Bill Potter, Building Services Manager, stated that the Board has previously approved three Oregon Department of Energy for a total of \$400,000. Bill received a call last week from the State who said they are now under pressure from the feds to get this money spent and want to reposition the grant funding. They would do this by eliminating the 2 block grant projects and combine those scopes of work into one SEP program, which is more flexible. In exchange, they will give the county an additional \$200,000. Commissioner Heimuller asked if this changes any of the match requirements. Bill stated that there are no match requirements for ARRA, but the County does have to borrow money for the part not covered by grants. Jennifer Cuellar has been looking at the financing options and will be reporting to the Board on that today.

This is information only at this time as the final paperwork for the grant revision has not yet been received. Once received, Bill will bring it back before the Board for approval.

While present, Bill gave a brief update on the Courthouse HVAC project, removal of the ceiling tiles, and the disruptions that will come with that. He noted that the work is planned for the weekends but there will be some disruptions in staff time due to packing up the offices

LOAN RFQ REVIEW:

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, presented the results of the RFQ for the commercial loan to fund the systems upgrades for the courthouse and annex buildings. Out of the 8 banks that received RFQ's, US Bank is the only to submit a quote.

Jennifer reviewed the three options and is recommending Option 2, which is a 10 year loan of \$713,000, with a fixed rate of 3.77%, total cost of \$863,503, prepayable after 3 years. She will be meeting with bond counsel and preparing a resolution that should be ready for Board action by the end of the month.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Homeland Security meeting last Thursday. He continues to be so impressed that these meetings have a very high level of attendance and engagement. Commissioner Hyde wanted to mention that Ed Serra, Clatskanie School Superintendent, has been a powerhouse in bringing Columbia County to the forefront in addressing emergency management preparedness in schools and hopes the involvement with schools will continue after Ed retires.

On Friday, he attended a Forest Trust Land Advisory Board meeting. There was a 3 hour orientation for new Board members and then a tour of new concepts in forestry.

On Monday, there was a series of AOC steering committee meetings, legislative and Board meetings in Salem. Also had a presentation by Mark Kelly, who is leading the campaign for the reauthorization of the Secure Rural School funding, which is in the President's budget.

Yesterday, he was in Salem testifying on Economic Development.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS;

On Monday, Commissioner Fisher participating in the AOC meeting by conference call. There are a number of bills that are coming up that can have some significance impacts on counties.

He was in Salem on Thursday as part of an AOC task force to look at the Governors plan on Commission on Children & Families and an initiative on early childhood. There are some good things in the initiative and some parts that are bothersome. There may be significant changes in how these agencies operate.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller spent Monday morning with Jan Kenna to bring him up to speed on the Commission on Children & Families and their different programs.

Yesterday, he attended the Oregon Workforce Alliance and Oregon Consortium meeting. Everyone is concerned about funding going away.

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On Monday, he took a road trip with Dave Hill, Glen Crinklaw and Robin McIntyre, to look at the Port Westward site, Chapman Landing and Beaver Falls.

He will be in Salem this Thursday, Friday and Saturday attending the AOC County College. This is a great program and he's developing a lot of good contacts and friendships with other Commissioners. Sadly, he reported that Andy Jackson, newly elected Coos County Commissioner, recently passed away and another Commissioner is undergoing treatment for cancer and it's not looking good for her. Coos County is having some struggles and could use some morale support.

He will attending the RSVP Advisory meeting directly after this meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 16th day of February, 2011.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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