

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 25, 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 May 4, 2011 Board meeting; May 9, 2011 Public Health meeting; May 10, 2011 Work Session; May 11, 2011 Board meeting; May 11, 2011 Staff meeting and May 16, 2011 Public Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Jim Huffman, Scappoose, came before the Board in the spirit of cooperation and good will regarding his concerns with the health district. The lawsuit filed by the health district was lopsided because there was no opposition to it. There was a motion for summary judgement filed and the county, named as the defendant, didn't oppose it nor give any response whatsoever. That was a policy decision but he could not find anywhere in the record where the county had made a decision to do that.

This is not the kind of policy decision that should be delegated to the County Counsel. It implicated \$1 million or more of money that could have been structured in such a way as to be refunded to the public. He believes it is still possible to reopen the lawsuit. He contacted County Counsel about this but was informed that attorney-client privilege made it impossible to discuss whether the County has a policy or not. Commissioner Hyde stated that County Counsel doesn't run the county and doesn't do anything without a decision by the Board.

Brady Preheim, 195 Clark Street, St. Helens, understands that the Board is making the decision to transfer public health to the Columbia Foundation on which Jay Tappen sits. As a voter, this infuriates him and the public does not want the same person who got us here in the first place, back again. If the Board does that, it will be the worst thing they can do politically.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Item (P) was pulled for discussion. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner

Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for weeks of May 16, 2011 and May 23, 2011.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Bill Haack.
- (C) Order No. 33-2011, "In the Matter of Correcting a Deed Conveying Real Property on Apiary Road to Clinton F. And Donna S. Hendershot".
- (D) Order No. 34-2011, "In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Cell Phone Stipend Policy".
- (E) Order No. 36-2011, "In the Matter of the Application of Wayde Elliott for a Site Design Review on Approximately 5 Acres Zoned Light Industrial (M-2) in the City of St. Helens Urban Growth Boundary to Construct New Storage Units for the Future Industrial Authorized Uses".
- (F) Order No. 38-2011, "In the Matter of the Establishing Fund Balance Policies for Compliance with GASB 54 and Making Designations for 2011-2012".
- (G) Resolution No. 39-2011, "In the Matter of the FFY 2011 Elections for O&C Land Related Safety-Net Payments Under SRS 2008".
- (H) Order No. 40-2011, "In the Matter of Allowing the Service of Alcohol at a Wedding to Take Place at Camp Wilkerson on June 18, 2011 [John Todd Moore]".
- (I) Appoint Bill Haack to replace Derek White on the Columbia County Flood Unmet Needs Committee.
- (J) Accept Jim Tierney's resignation from the Columbia County Flood Unmet Needs Committee.
- (K) Authorize the Fairgrounds Administrator to hire temporary maintenance and fair staff.
- (L) Permit of Entry from Longview Timber for Scappoose-Vernonia slide repair at Milepost 8.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (M) Intergovernmental Agreement for Providing GIS Data with the City of Scappoose and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (N) Grant Agreement #110089 with Oregon Secretary of State for Accessibility Improvements to the Courthouse and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Corvallis for Trolley Use and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (P) Amendment #2 to the Columbia County Local Public Health Services Agreement.
(PULLED FOR DISCUSSION)

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (P) - AMENDMENT #2 TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGREEMENT:

Commissioner Fisher commented on Amendment #2 to the Columbia County Local Public Health Services Agreement. This has been a topic of discussion for some time now.

There has been a number of meetings and public hearings on the matter and believes that this agreement is in the best interest of the citizens. Commissioner Heimuller spent part of last week at AOC County College and public health and mental health were topics of discussion. It was reemphasized to him from a number of people involved in public health around the State of Oregon, how excellent our local public health program is. It is his intention to make sure there is a total continuum of these services. It is the charge of this Board to take whatever has happened and turn it in to an opportunity to look at public health services for the entire county. The public needs to trust the fact that, individually and collectively, the Board is doing what is best by looking at a total vision for health care in this county. Commissioner Hyde agrees it is important to look at the system as a whole. There are so many stakeholders that are effected by the public health system that we have today and it is the charge of the Commissioners to ensure that public health services are provided as seamlessly as possible. There has been some dissatisfaction expressed about transferring these services to the Columbia Foundation, however the agreement seeks broader representation that we currently have. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller to approve Amendment #2 to the Columbia County Local Public Health Services Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO FILL ONE VACANT PO POSITION IN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Walt Pesterfield submitted a request for authorization to fill one vacant PO position in his department. After review of the request, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the request to fill one vacant PO position in Community Corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

JOHN STENNICK - REQUEST WAIVER OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:

John Stennick holds the position of All School Picnic Coordinator for the Rainier area. The picnic is going to held at Hudson-Parcher Park the last weekend of July and the \$300 fee has been paid. The concern is with the requirement now in place for liability insurance. The people who will be attending are over 60 years old and there is no alcohol involved. John is asking that the insurance requirement be waived.

Cynthia Zemaitis stated that, in the park, there is an insurance requirement for \$1 million. For a Mass Gathering Event, the insurance requirement is \$2 million.

John stated that attendance should be somewhere around 150 people. Cynthia stated that would not fall under the Mass Gathering requirements, so the insurance would only be for the \$1 million.

John has found some insurance online for about \$180 for the \$1 million binder, but the group has no way to raise that money. They have already paid the \$300 park fee.

Sarah suggested and the Board agreed to get a recommendation from the Parks Department before taking action.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde wanted to acknowledge that May 23-27, 2011 is Veterans Appreciation Week and encouraged people to recognize our Veterans.

He traveled to Salem yesterday to testify in opposition to the proposed redistricting of the congressional, house and senate districts.

The Board spent 3 days last week in Wenatchee, Washington, attending the NACo WIR conference. Topics of discussion included the Secure Rural School funding and the Western Oregon Plan. This was a great opportunity to meet with many other counties, including those outside of Oregon, to see how they deal with issues we all face.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher commented on the NACo conference in Wenatchee. In addition to the general sessions there were a number of workshops. One workshop had to do with the regionalization of public health services.

Last night he attended the first Hwy 30 Safety subcommittee meeting on educating the public and schools on public safety.

Memorial Day is next Monday and there will be a lot of events around the county and he encouraged the public to attend some of the events.

The Budget Committee met yesterday and voted to approve the FY 2011-12 budget for Columbia County. He wanted to stress to the public that we are in very difficult

times. The budget reflects a \$1.5 million draw down on our reserves to get through the next year. Changes will have to be made on how the county provides services.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the budget. He has so much admiration for Jennifer, the Finance staff and all those involved in putting the budget together. It's not an easy process and even harder when just looking for places to cut.

He was also in Wenatchee for the NACo conference last week. There was a lot of good informational workshops and meetings with their colleagues. He left there to head to Corvallis to attend the AOC County College. Discussions there centered around counties public health and mental health services.

Regarding public health, he wanted to thank everyone who took the time to attend the recent public health meetings and hearing held by the Board. He appreciated the comment and information the Board received during those meetings.

On Saturday, Sacagawea and the Food Bank held a fundraiser at the Armory. Both were fairly well attended. He wanted to thank everyone who attended and helped out financially.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:

This item was not needed and therefore pulled.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 25th day of May, 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

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary