

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 22, 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 June 8, 2011 Board meeting; June 9, 2011 Budget meeting; June 14, 2011 Work Session; June 15, 2011 Board meeting and June 15, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchised Haulers in Rural Columbia County".

Robin stated that this is not a land use hearing and there is no set procedure.

Roy Weedman, Solid Waste Coordinator, gave some background on this request and stated that there are some haulers who will be giving a presentation.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

TESTIMONY:

Mike Jefferies, Waste Management gave a Power Point presentation to review the program and the detailed cost report. This is the first rate request since July 1, 1998 with the exception of the fuel surcharge in 2008 and last year's disposal pass through. He outlined the impact to residential rates in the Scappoose and Vernonia areas and the impact on commercial rates.

Dave Huber, Operations Manager for Waste Management, went over the rates and services to be provided in the rural residential areas in Scappoose and Vernonia, to include

recycling services every other week as requested by the customers. SWAC has unanimously recommended approval of this and Waste Management would ask that the Board approve this rate adjustment today.

Greg Russell, 61901 Dark Creek Road, St. Helens: He questioned if this recycling program is voluntary or will he be required to participate and pay the fees. If so, is this is right time to impose more fees on the public with the economy down. Roy stated that, if you are a current customer, it will be mandatory.

Joe Wonderlick, Waste Connections, 501 SE Columbia Shores Blvd., Vancouver, WA and Jason Kirschenmann, Hudson Garbage Service, 58597 Old Portland Road, St. Helens: Their presentation was somewhat similar to one just presented. Their company started 12 years ago in Vancouver and focuses on local control and decision making, small communities and fosters a strong entrepreneurial culture. When they purchased Hudson Garbage, they retained the name and many of the staff to keep it local. They gave a brief history of the company since entering the market in the 1990's. In 2008, with the increase in fuel costs, the county approved a fuel related cost increase. In 2009, they approached the SWAC about a rate increase due to additional costs in transfer station tip fees, labor & benefit, high steel pricing and fuel/petroleum. There were a number of factors considered for the cost analysis. Joe then went over the proposed rate increases for the different services levels for the St. Helens, Clatskanie and Rainier areas.

Nathan McGillvra, 35000 Kisell Camp Road, St. Helens: He supports recycling but is opposed to being forced into it just because he has garbage service. It just doesn't seem right to him.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to tentatively approve the proposed Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchised Haulers in Rural Columbia County and direct staff to prepare the final Order for approval next week. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: PROPOSED SIP AGREEMENT WITH PGE:

With no proposal at this time, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to carry this hearing over to Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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 June 20, 2011.

- (B) Ratify Owner's Certification and Acceptance of Improvements at 1277 Heather Lane, Vernonia (Miller) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Ratify Owner's Certification and Approval for 1277 Heather Lane, Vernonia (Miller) for CDBG Payment and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Resolution No. 37-2011, "In the Matter of Declaring a Fiscal Emergency and Modifying Recording Dates under ORS 205.242 for the Columbia County Clerk".
- (E) Accept Vehicle Title for Chevy Tahoe VIN 1GNNDT135542403646.
- (F) Accept Personal Property Essential to Providing Public Health Services from the Columbia Health District.
- (G) Close the Columbia County Courthouse to the public every Friday beginning July 15, 2011.
- (H) Authorize Janet Wright to fill one .5 temporary employee for Transit Program.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Amendment 5 to the Oregon Youth Authority Agreement #1759e and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Agreement #27751 with Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division (Operating Funds \$30,000) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Agreement #27393 with Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division (Operating Funds \$308,829) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Intergovernmental Agreement #11899 with the Oregon Youth Authority for Individualized Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (M) Agreement #27664 with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division, for Capital 5310 Funds \$50,965, Preventative Maintenance.
- (N) Agreement #27665 with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division, for Operating 5310 Funds \$265,833 ED.
- (O) Amendment #2 to ODOT Public Transit Division Grant Agreement #25720.
- (P) Amendment #1 to ODOT Public Transit Division Grant Agreement #26489.
- (Q) Amendment #2 to ODOT Public Transit Division Grant Agreement #25620.

- (R) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant #2010-6341 with the Oregon Commission on Children & Families.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the discussion held last week with a representative from the OSU Extension Service and how it's being reorganized.

On Thursday, he attended the Homeland Security Emergency Management committee meeting. One topic discussed was how we deal with schools in the case of emergencies such as earthquakes. Schools are a very exposed part of our population.

He was in Salem on Friday at a meeting with Portland State, PCC, National Guard, FEMA and others on a proposed training facility here on the west coast and specifically Columbia County. Currently, there is no certified training unless you go back east.

He was a speaker on Economic Development at the last AOC County College and then attended an Oregon Solutions meeting.

Last night the Board attended the quarterly City/County dinner hosted by the Port of St. Helens. It was very well attended and good discussion.

He met yesterday with the FBI and Sheriff's Office about opening the gun range to the public.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher reported on the City/County meeting where they talked about economic issues and budget cuts effecting us all. We can't simply raise taxes, we need to build our way out of this. The heard from an economist who said it could be 2019 before we get ourselves out of this. We need to find ways to bring jobs and businesses to this county.

He was in Salem on Monday for an AOC meeting. There was a lot of the bills passed may end up hurting our schools.

Tomorrow night, he will be meeting with the subcommittee of the Decision Maker group on education. It will be held at the Warren Country Inn at 6:00 pm

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended AOC County College last week. They went on a tour of a solar plant which was very interesting. A lot of growth potential and he let them know that Columbia County is open for business.

The Board continues to work on public health services and with all the players involved. We are all looking forward to public health going to a new operator and pleased with the direction its going.

He took a tour of Diblee Point Beach last week to look at the issues brought before the Board a couple of weeks ago.

VISITOR:

Nathan McGillvra commented on the safety of Hwy 30. He had to drive that road to and from work every day in the dark and he would suggest that reflectors be put in along the highway. Those really light up the road and could be helpful. Commissioner Fisher encouraged Nathan to attend the next Hwy 30 Safety Committee meeting and share his comments. Commissioner Heimuller also suggested he attend the Traffic Safety Committee that meets monthly.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 22nd day of June, 2011.

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

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Recording Secretary

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary