

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 17, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, and Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting 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 August 10, 2011 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Ken Gates of the Chamber of Commerce came to say thanks for all the support in the Wings and Wheels event. It was a very successful event and they want to do it again.

Future focal points will be to raise money for the Chamber and focus on economic development. It looks like this will be an annual event held the second week of August.

Commissioner Hyde made the suggestion that there be an annual calendar of the many events and celebrations taking place throughout the County so that people can make plans to attend. He also suggested that advertising in the League of Oregon Cities periodical would go a long way toward marketing.

While present, Mr. Gates stated that the Chamber of Commerce Board voted yesterday to support the ballot measure in favor of the Scappoose UGB expansion.

Commissioner Heimuller commented that he thought it very interesting that a number of people at the Wings and Wheels Event were asking questions about the airpark; it was a great way to showcase the property.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With the added language to Item (C), Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of August 15, 2011.
- (B) 2011 Liquor License for "Oregon Maiden Gift Baskets".
- (C) Dedication Deed dedicated 5' of Oregon Street to the public for public road and utility purposes City of St. Helens (Oregon Street) and authorize the Chair to sign (*and authorize recording without costs*).
- (D) Public Storm Drain Easement for access to existing storm sewer at the Columbia County Transit Facility and authorize recording without cost.
- (E) Public Utility and Access Easement for Oregon Street and Deer Island Road and authorize recording without costs.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Alliance for Community Transit Safety (ACTS Oregon) and authorize Jan Kenna to sign.
- (G) Energy Conservation Program Customer Implementation Agreement with Columbia River PUD for Road Department Lighting Project and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) License and Indemnity Agreement with Fishhawk Lake Recreation Club.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Fisher stated he was at the Senior Center yesterday and a lady asked him about the county vehicles parked in the back parking lot of the Courthouse over the weekend and not in use. With the increased use of the amphitheater and the docks, she was wondering if the County could leave the space on the south end of the parking lot open for public use in the evenings and weekends.

Commissioner Heimuller felt that was a good idea. There is signage out there, but perhaps we should designate a spot in the parking lot for County vehicles. Commissioner Hyde noted that this has been discussed before and staff were directed to park the County vehicles on the north side. It appears they need to have that conversation again.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was sorry to have missed the Wings and Wheels event, but had the opportunity to spend time with his family.

He attended another Unmet Needs Committee meeting last Thursday with regards to ongoing flood mitigation in the Vernonia and Mist area. He is still struck by the amount of work that has been accomplished and the amount still left to do. It is a huge task.

He attended the Oregon Business Development Commission in Salem last week and the PGE SIP agreement was approved.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended the Wings and Wheels and was glad to see so many people attend. Unfortunately, he also had to make a visit to a trailer manufacturing business in Clatskanie that burned down. The Fire Chief indicated he really appreciated all the help they got from the community.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller was invited to a veterans services meeting. The State representative has been spending a lot of time out here and some changes to the program will be recommended which will improve services for our veterans on many different levels.

The Wings and Wheels event, with several partnerships working together, was a great success.

He also attended a Public Health Foundation meeting. They are moving ahead with getting the final numbers together, and he was impressed with the due process they are going through and their vision for the future. By the end of next month, they should have the entire 9-member Board in place.

Commissioner Hyde added that there has been two meetings with the State and, with the changes coming, a very astute public health Board will be needed.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 17th day of August, 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: _____

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Secretary