

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 28, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. He introduced Gadim Valiyev, an exchange student from Azerbaijan, who is living with a host family in Vernonia. He is interested in government and will be shadowing Commissioner Hyde for the day.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 Board meeting and September 21, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

*Richard Melton* is here today about his concerns with the lack of deputy patrol in this county. The last time he called 911 it took 6 hours to get a deputy to the house. Because he and his wife are both ill and his property has been robbed before, he is concerned with response time of law enforcement. There is a need in the county for public protection. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board, along with many of the stakeholders, are currently working on these very issues.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Sarah pulled Item (G) for discussion. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of September 26, 2011.
- (B) Order No. 64-2011, "In the Matter of Conveying a 40-Foot Wide Strip of Land to Weyerhaeuser Company by Quitclaim Deed and Accepting a 40-Foot Wide Strip of Land from Weyerhaeuser Co. by Special Warranty Deed for the Extension of the Crown Zellerbach Recreational Trail".
- (C) Order No. 72-2011, "In the Matter of Establishing a Zone Based Fare System and an

Increase to the Fares Charges by Columbia County Rider for Transportation Services”.

- (D) Order No. 74-2011, “In the Matter of the Application of John Crosley for a Resource Dwelling in the Primary Forest Zone (Application No. RDF 11-01)”.
- (E) Order No. 75-2011, “In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County’s Needs and Directing the Disposal Thereof [Computer & Misc. Electronic Equipment]”.
- (F) Order No. 76-2011, “In the Matter of the Cancellation of Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes”.
- (G) Preliminary Approval of Title III Funding Projects for FFY 2012. (***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***).
- (H) Quitclaim Deed to Weyerhauser Company for a 40-Foot Wide Strip of Land.
- (I) Statutory Warranty Deed from Weyerhauser Company for a 40-Foot Wide Strip of Land for the Crown Zellerbach Trail and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Demolition Change Order for 1211 Heather Lane, Addendum 11 (Shively) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Contractor Payment Release for 1211 Heather Lane (Shively) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Owner’s Certification and Acceptance of Improvements for 1211 Heather Lane (Shively) and authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (M) Personal Services Contract with Anderson Geological for Phase One Environmental Site Assessment, Woodson Properties.
- (N) Hold Harmless Agreement with St. Helens Community Foundation for Use of the Plaza October 1 - October 31, 2011 for the Spirit of Halloweentown.
- (O) Memorandum of Understanding for the Columbia County Family Dependency Court Program and authorize Walt Pesterfield to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM (G):**

Cynthia stated that this is the last year the County will be receiving Title III funding unless the Secure Rural School funding is reauthorized by Congress. There

is a requirement that the County must initiate projects using the FFY 2012 funding by September 30, 2011. She has received three project proposals that she now shared with the Board. The Scappoose Creek Fire Protection Project submitted by Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District to assist landowners in implementing the practices recommended by the Firewise program in the amount of \$100,000. A Columbia County Firewise project submitted by the Department of Forestry funding support for the Firewise Forester in the amount of \$30,000. A C-Z Trail right-of-way clearing project submitted by the County's Forest, Parks and Recreation Department to assist in maintaining the trail as an emergency response alternate route in the amount of \$60,000.

The Finance Director estimates there should be slightly more than \$187,000 in Title III Funding for FFY 2012 projects. Therefore, Cynthia recommends that the Board preliminarily approve all three projects, but approve the Soil and Water Conservation District project for \$97,000 to meet the funding available.

With that, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher to preliminarily approve the Title III Funding Projects for FFY 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f) - EXEMPT RECORDS:**

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

***Michael and Marie Botchie, 30827 Beaver Homes Road, Rainier:*** Michael first wanted to thank the Board for allowing him the opportunity to speak. He understands that there are certain funds within the county budget that are designated, but he wants to know who determines how the money in the Sheriff's budget is spent. Commissioner Hyde explained that the Sheriff has the ultimate say in how his budget is spent.

Both Michael and Marie voiced their concerns with the current state of affairs with the law enforcement in Columbia County. Those concerns are not only for public safety but also for the safety of the one patrol deputy responding to calls. The Botchie's are here today to get informed and to also help be involved in finding solutions. They had some good suggestions that the Board agreed with and were directed to check with the various volunteer programs in the county.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde wanted to mention the loss of St. Helens City Councilman Phil Barlow and local businessman who passed away last weekend while in Thailand to get married. Phil was active in the community and will be missed. Commissioner Hyde also noted that it will be very costly to bring him home from Thailand and an account has been set up to help the Barlow family with expenses.

The hosted the quarterly City/County meeting last night. This is an opportunity for the Board to meet with representatives from the various public agencies in the county to discuss the state of the county and issues that effect us all in the county.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

No comments.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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

Recording Secretary

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

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary