

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

**December 7, 2011**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Fisher called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Work Session; November 23, 2011 Board meeting; November 30, 2011 Board meeting; and November 30, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wagle, Cowlitz County, approached the Board to express his support for the Longshore Union in Cowlitz County. There are things going on that have the potential to weaken the union. There have been so many laws passed that it is almost impossible for unions to get a fair break. There are some union issues currently taking place in Longview right now and he would ask that the law enforcement from the Oregon side of the river not respond to any calls in Longview regarding the union.

Mike Pihl, Pihl Logging, Vernonia: He is currently logging a piece of property for the Gift family on Scappoose Vernonia Hwy, across from the B&B Market. The county has a shop on about 2 acres of property there, with about 1 acre being timber. Mike has good access

to remove that timber through the Gift's property because the only way that timber can come out is up the hill. Mike is willing to offer the county \$9,000 for the timber or log it for 40%. This is good, mature timber - he would guess 70 years old.

Commissioner Heimuller stated that Dave Hill discussed this with the Board a couple of weeks ago and the decision was made to let the timber mature more. Mike stated that the timber is mature and if it gets any bigger, it will become oversized. He presented the Board with photos of the property/timber.

After discussion, the Board stated that they would take this offer under consideration and get back to Mike.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Fisher read the consent agenda in full. With no 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 12/5/11.
- (B) Order No. 83-2011, "In the Matter of an Appeal of the Application of Northwest Aggregates for a Temporary Permit to Extend Operating Hours at the Bates Roth Surface Mine for a Two Week Period of Time".
- (C) Resolution No. 84-2011, "In the Matter of Authorizing David Stocker to Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Rightline Equipment, Inc.".
- (D) Ratify the request from Jennifer Cuellar to OBDD for Grant Number D08029 to reduce the Demolition line item by \$30,000 and increase the Acquisition line item by \$30,000.
- (E) Reappoint Linda Salle to the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee for a four year term.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BUDGET PRINCIPLES & BUDGET CALENDAR:**

Jennifer Cuellar was present to discuss budget principles, set the budget calendar and determine the reappoint of Dan Garrison to the Budget Committee. Both Commissioner Heimuller and Fisher

have reviewed and agreed with the budget principles submitted and directed Jennifer to move forward with the process.

The following two dates were set for the budget meetings - Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00-5:00; and Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00-5:00. The public hearings will be held in St. Helens on 6/6/12 and Scappoose on 6/7/12. If willing to serve, the Board will reappoint Dan Garrison.

On a separate issue, a staff person in the Finance Dept has resigned but she is willing to commit to a half time position through to the next fiscal year. This will allow some time to look at the overall options for the department.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the holiday season and the various fundraisers taking place around the county. He attended the Clatskanie Kiwanis gala and the Toy & Joy fundraiser at the Fairgrounds on Saturday. Yesterday at the Kiwanis meeting, Todd Dugdale reported that the request for food baskets is down this year. That was surprising and good to hear, but there is still a big need out there. He attended the United Way meeting last night and, again, it looks like things are a little more stable this year.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher wanted to thank everyone who attended the Clatskanie Kiwanis gala Saturday night and the hunting dog that Commissioner Heimuller donated to the cause. There are a lot of fundraising events this time of year and encouraged people to give where they can.

He attended the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting this morning and the CEPA meeting on Tuesday. It was mentioned at both meetings that this is the time of year that the roads are most dangerous and people need to slow down and drive careful.

Commissioner Fisher mentioned that today is December 7<sup>th</sup> and a day to remember.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)- LITIGATION:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.66092)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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: Not present

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

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

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary