

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 14, 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 December 7, 2011 Board meeting and December 7, 2011 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island: Tammy was present to address her concerns about the Columbia Health District (CHD). She asked that the Board submit their resignations and, as a convenience, Tammy has drafted resignations for each of the Commissioners to sign.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE - STORM READY RECOGNITION:

Steve Todd, of the National Weather Service was present to recognize the county staff for their work on the Storm Ready program. The NWS is now designating Columbia County as storm ready. Steve presented the Board with a plaque and a Storm Ready sign. He stated that this award is not so easy to get and Columbia County is only the 8th county in

Oregon to receive it. He commends Columbia County for their work on this program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde 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 12/12/11.
- (B) Ratify 12/6/11 letter to Oregon Emergency Management regarding HMGP 1733.0024 - Woodson Project Properties.
- (C) Order No. 85-2011, "In the Matter of a Quitclaim Deed and Easements to the Oregon Department of Transportation for a Strip of Land Adjacent to the Right-of-Way at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum".
- (D) Quitclaim Deed to the Oregon Department of Transportation for a Strip of Land Adjacent to the Right-of-Way at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum.
- (E) Consent to Permanent Easement for Slopes, Signs and Utilities, and to Temporary Easement for Work Area granted by the City of Vernonia to the Oregon Department of Transportation for a Strip of Land near the Right-of-Way at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum.
- (F) Reappoint Connie Budge and John Helm to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee for a three year term.
- (G) Reappoint Linda Hooper and Gayle Lee to the Columbia County Planning Commission for a four year term.
- (H) Reappoint Yvette Shephard, Jay Tappen and Steve Watson to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a three year term.
- (I) Contractor Payment Release for 1157 Juniper Street, Vernonia (Eyrriick) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Owner's Certification and Acceptance of Improvements for 1157 Juniper Street, Vernonia (Eyrriick) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Demolition Contract Change Order for 1157 Juniper Street, Vernonia (Eyrriick) and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (L) Ratify Confidentiality Agreement on DOBA Case 149692.
- (M) Intergovernmental Agreement #4603 with the Oregon Department of Corrections.
- (N) Amendment #3 to the 2011-2013 IGA #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Amendment #4 to the 2011-2013 IGA #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

HUDSON GARBAGE SERVICE COMPLAINTS:

John Upton, 60407 Robinette Road, St. Helens: John received a notice last Tuesday from Hudson Garbage Service stating that, effective immediately, they will no longer be able to go up driveways to pick up garbage and people would have to place their cans at the end of the driveway. Now this wouldn't be such an issue if you live in town, but in the rural areas, driveways can be quite long. This will negatively effect a lot of people who can't physically do it. He was able to speak with the company and, after that discussion, he was told that he would no longer have to take his cans to the end of the road. Commissioner Heimuller stated that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is meeting on January 17, 2012 and this issue is on their agenda. He suggested that anyone interested should attend.

Jason Kirschman, Hudson Garbage, 4005 N Pioneer Drive, Richland, WA: This change was put into effect as a safety issue, but the company is now looking at each property on a case by case basis. He apologized for it getting to this point and they are working on making it right.

Ken Strong, 3486 Achilles Road, Warren: He asked that, when the contracts were signed

for garbage service, why does the contract change just because they get bigger trucks? If the company has concerns about safety or damaging roads, they should stay with the smaller trucks. Until this is dealt with, he will have to cancel his service and self haul his garbage.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on the NACo Board meeting held last week in Orlando. There is a priority report on the NACo website.

On Monday, he attended the Oregon Business Summit where they discussed the economic plan for the next year.

He has been invited to meet with the Governor on Monday to talk and strategize on the reauthorization of the Secure Rural School Funding.

Vernonia resident MacKenzie Carr won the Miss Rodeo America title this month in Las Vegas. This is the first Miss Rodeo America from Oregon and we're very honored to see she was from Columbia County.

He gave a shout out to Jeff Scurvins from Napa who, in competing with loggers from around the world, he came in second place.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS;

Commissioner Fisher reported on the AOC meeting he attended in Portland on Monday dealing with health care issues.

He will be meeting with the school superintendents on Monday to discuss the building of a work force here in Columbia County. They are working to put together a curriculum to

help provide training and jobs in the county.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reminded everyone that this is the week for putting together the food and toy baskets for Kiwanis. Columbia County employees have made the difference this year and helped fill the gap.

He wanted to give a shout out for CC Rider for transporting over 80 residents from local nursing homes to see Christmas lights, Santa and enjoy some holiday treats.

The Sheriff made a report to the Board yesterday on how they are dealing with emergency calls and feels he has a very good program in place.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

The Board presented service awards to the following employees for their years of service to Columbia County:

Jan Greenhalgh 20 years

Todd Dugdale 15 years

Janice Faltersack 15 years

Jenni Jordan 15 years

Brenda Carney 10 years

Tammi Sue Hald 10 years

Michelle Ritchie 10 years

Ryan Scholl 10 years

Mike Simpson 10 years

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 14th 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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary