

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 1, 2012

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 January 25, 2012 Board meeting and January 25, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**AUDIT PRESENTATION:**

Matt Graves, Pauly Rogers came before the Board, along with Jennifer Cueller, to present and review the Columbia County audit. Matt explained the process of conducting the audit, which is done in two phases. He gave a brief overview of the audit and summarized the results. There was no significant findings in this audit.

**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 1/30/12.
- (B) Ratify letter to Oregon Emergency Management regarding Declaration of State of Emergency.
- (C) Approve Personnel Actions for Jennifer Cuellar and Jean Ripa.
- (D) Letters of Authority to Erin O'Connell, Peter Tassoni, Robin McInytre, Mark Edington, Randy Hansen, Michael Warren and Kyle Stroda.
- (E) Order No. 4-2012, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal or Sale Thereof [Assessor/Sheriff Vehicles - IT Equipment]".
- (F) Order No. 5-2012, "In the Matter of Amending the County Fee Schedule to Include Fees Incurred by the Sheriff for the Sale of Real Property on Writ of Execution".
- (G) Order No. 6-2012, "In the Matter of Approving Title III Projects for FY 2012 Under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (H) Amendment #1 to the ARRA Grant Agreement #10-1526 with the Oregon Department of Energy.

- (I) Amendment #5 to the 2011-2013 Intergovernmental Agreement #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Amendment #1 to the Transportation Improvement Agreement with Portland General Electric.
- (K) Personal Services Contract with Columbia County Legal Aid for Law Library Management.
- (L) Amendment #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Scappoose for GIS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ARTISTIC BIKE RACK PROJECT:**

Jerry Belcher, St. Helens Arts & Cultural Commission, came before the Board to present the Artistic Bike Rack project proposal for the courthouse plaza area. Jerry presented information on the project, explaining that these benches are being designed and built by St. Helens High School shop class. The Arts Commission is requesting authorization to place one of the artistic bike racks at the west end of the Courthouse Plaza area. It would be installed between two benches and attached to an existing post. Jerry noted that this still needs to go to the City of St. Helens for approval. After discussion, the Board agreed with the concept, but wanted to take this under advisement before making a final decision.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde stated that enough information received for the declaration to hopefully get some dollars back from FEMA on the recent storm event.

Thursday in Grants Pass to meet with congressman to talk about house version of the implementation to handle O&C lands in Oregon.

In Brookings on Friday to attend the O&C meeting on the same subject.

Attended the emergency management town hall meeting in Vernonia on the recent storm event.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher meeting with healthcare providers on how to move forward with the transformation in health care from the State. There are a lot of concerns and unknowns on how this will effect Columbia County

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He attended the US 30 Safety meeting in Clatskanie on safety issues. The next step is to put together a series of ideas on how to improve safety on Hwy 30 between Scappoose to Astoria.

Last Wednesday, the Scappoose High School was granted permission to hold a drivers safety assembly at the school. This is being put on by Ford Motor Corp and will be conducted by professional drivers to show students the effects of using alcohol, cell phones and other distractions while driving.

He attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. This committee continues to be of great interest to many.

Thank you to our County Clerk and Election staff and volunteers for their hard work on the recent election.

#### **COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller also attended the Traffic Safety. There is always a topic at these meetings and, most recently, it was an issue on Apiary Road. The Road department is making some changes up there to increase safety along that road. Being able to communicate between the agencies is very beneficial for all.

The Board attended the 5 area Senior Center lunch. There was a great turnout and it's always good to hear from our senior community.

Commissioner Heimuller gave a brief update on the Fair. The Fair Board is fully involved in preparation for the 2012 Columbia County Fair. They are meeting weekly and the volunteer energy is excellent. The fair this year is being fully run by volunteers.

He is involved with the Planning Committee for NOHA. This sub-committee has been very active and meeting frequently to bring NOHA back to the forefront. There was no long term plan and the committee is working hard to create, both a short and long term plan.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to deny the grievance as set forth by the Sheriff's Union regarding holiday pay. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh