

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

February 15, 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 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 February 8, 2012 Board meeting and February 8, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 2/13/12.
- (B) 2012 Liquor License for Star Mart.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Certificate of Substantial Completion for DAS Facilities Agreement #IA00367 (Sprinkler Project) and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (D) Certificate of Final Completion for DAS Facilities Agreement #IA00367 (Sprinkler Project) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Amendment #1 to Amended and Restated Agreement with CCMH for the Provision of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Amendment #2 to Amended and Restated Agreement with CCMH for the Provision of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services.
- (G) Columbia County Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Nathan Bower.
- (H) Columbia County Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Antonia Doggett.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde met last week met with FEMA and different utilities and cities to discuss the cost of impacts from the recent snow event. FEMA has taken it under advisement, indicating that it would only be a partial declaration. Hopefully we will prevail.

On Monday he was in Salem on behalf of businesses in the County who have prevailed upon the Commissioners to stand again a new bill before the legislature that would require an in-house decorator in addition to an architect and engineer for any new business built. This is one of the most ludicrous bills he has seen come before the legislature. The requirements for new construction needs to be streamlined, not made tougher. This bill would allow 36 decorators to control the entire state. He is happy to say that the committee realized the folly of that proposal and struck it down.

Commissioner Hyde just discovered on his I-pad that a bill was dropped last night on the federal level ... O&C Secure Rural Schools was not included. However, Title I is in another bill at the 2010 levels. He'll be making some calls to see exactly what this means.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher had the opportunity to meet with some citizens on Friday to discuss County budget issues and how people in the community might view the County's situation. He thinks it is important to involve the citizens.

Commissioner Fisher also indicated that, as seen in the paper today, the State health bill passed yesterday. Some of the additions made to the bill lately will be useful for Columbia County. He strongly supports the amendments that were made.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Special Districts of Oregon conference last week. He was there representing Columbia 9-1-1 and as a Trustee of the Columbia Health District. Commissioner Heimuller stated that one of the most impressive presentations he has ever seen was on identity theft, where the increased theft of I-pads, telephones, etc., was discussed. It was surprising to see how easy it is to wipe all information off of these devices in only 30 seconds with just a touch.

Commissioner Heimuller also attended the Fair budget meeting with Jennifer Cuellar this past week. Things are looking really stable for the budget next year, which is great.

He had the privilege of seeing the keys to the new Veterans services bus turned over to Janet Wright; the bus is to be shared with CC Rider and CAT's Veterans Services. He stated that he hopes we see a lot of action with the veterans who have needed something like this for decades.

Shortly after this meeting, Commissioner Heimuller will attend the RSVP meeting to make a plea for more volunteers for the courthouse, jail, etc.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th 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: _____

By: _____

Henry

Heimuller, Commissioner

Cynthia Zemaitis