

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

**February 22, 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 15, 2012 regular meeting and the February 15, 2012 staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Tammy Maygra and Peggy Crisp came before the Board to discuss the CHD. Ms. Crisp stated that, in the paper, Commissioner Heimuller said if anybody wanted to see any of the CHD documents to come down; they would like to do that after the meeting.

Ms. Maygra stated that, as the CHD Chairperson, she wanted to discuss some e-mails. She tried to get on the Board's agenda by contacting their office on Thursday; she left another message on Monday; and, called several times on Tuesday to try to get on, but the phone just rang or went to voicemail and no one ever called her back.

Ms. Maygra begins reading an email dated Monday, April 4, 2011, between Jay Tappan and Karen Ladd and refers to Commissioner Fisher. The e-mail references a letter to this Board asking them to mutually terminate the CHD agreement no later than June 30, 2011, and clearly indicates that this Board was in cahoots with the CHD Board and were pulling a sleight of hand.

Another e-mail dated April 4, discusses “the deal” and how it needs to happen fast, that the CHD Board needed to get a letter over to the Board of Commissioners before their Wednesday meeting; and that they should not talk about the Foundation until they got farther along in the process. Ms. Maygra reminded the Board how they kept telling the people that they were not involved, but according to these e-mails they were involved and complicated in every detail and in hoodwinking the public. She would like an explanation for these e-mails and an explanation of what “the deal” was.

Commissioner Hyde stated he had no idea, since those e-mails were not to or from this Board. As for “the deal”, the Board’s interest has always been, and will always be, public health. The monies that are referred to are monies from the State to run public health. These monies were conveyed to the new public health provider and they came from the federal and state governments for specific purposes. With regard to the denigrating comments, Commissioner Hyde stated again that those were not his e-mails and he cannot speak to them. There was a separation between the Boards, but, again, the focus was on continuing public health. A “deal” or sleight of hand just simply didn’t happen. They met with the State and very concerned citizens about how to continue providing public health.

Ms. Crisp wanted to know why this Board could not trust the 5 new CHD board members to continue public health. Commissioner Hyde stated it was not a matter of trust; they were up against a short time line with the state contract .. there was a deadline ... and the new CHD board had not been elected yet. Ms. Crisp stated that the Board basically kicked them to the curb.

Commissioner Hyde disagreed that everything didn’t need to be done by June 30, before the new board was in office. Ms. Maygra stated that everything this Board did was fast-tracked, underhanded tactics to give public health to the Foundation.

Ms. Crisp said some of the records they requested from the Foundation were check registers and bank records. Pauly Rodgers couldn’t complete their audit because of these missing records.

Commissioner Heimuller stated that he has never heard from Pauly Rodgers that there were documents missing, and asked to see any letter that states that.

Ms. Crisp did say they tried to use the Special District attorney, who not only gave them wrong

advice, but then they found out she was talking back and forth with Sarah Hanson.

Richard Melton, Scappoose, asked this Board whether they knew when the next usurper Board of Trustees meeting is? Commissioner Hyde stated he's not sure that there will ever be a usurper Board of Trustees. As far as the CHD Trustees meeting, none has been scheduled.

Mr. Melton also wanted to know what functions CHD covers, since 9-1-1 does not respond to him. Commissioner Hyde stated that the health district does not cover 9-1-1 and agreed to forward Mr. Melton a list of CHD duties.

Commissioner Heimuller asked Mr. Melton when he called 9-1-1 for emergency medical care and failed to get a response. Mr. Melton stated it was mostly to get the sheriff out there, and he gets into arguments with them because his neighbor has called so many times they don't respond to that area. Commissioner Heimuller again asks specifically if Mr. Melton has ever been refused medical service and Mr. Melton says yes, but cannot give exact details. Commissioner Heimuller told Mr. Melton to call him immediately next time that happened.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full.

Ms. Crisp has a question about Item ©) wondering if it meant letting people go. Commissioner Hyde stated its just changing positions around. She also asked about Item (D), the personnel action for Janet Wright, which Commissioner Hyde explained. And, with regard to item (G) revoking authority, Ms. Crisp asked whether these deputies were no longer with the County. Commissioner Heimuller stated they were reserve deputies who have moved on.

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 2/20/12.

- (B) Order No. 7-2012, "In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations Governing

Columbia County Forests, Parks, Beaches, Docks and Other Recreational Facilities Subject to Ordinance No. 94-9".

- (C) Order No. 8-2012, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance, Incorporating Position and Personnel Changes".
- (D) Ratify Personnel Action for Janet Wright.
- (E) Approve an application to the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division for a Mobility Management Position, Vehicles, Preventative Maintenance and Camera Surveillance System for the Transit Center located at 1155 Deer Island Road and authorize the Transit Administrator to sign that application.
- (F) Approve Letters of Authority for Amanda McFeron, Fair Board; Jilian Olson, Fair Board; Deputy Bill Goodwin; and, Civil Deputy Alan Haebe.
- (G) Revoke Letters of Authority issued to Deputies James Carnahan, Scott Williams and Scotty King.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (H) Safe Kids USA Local Coalition Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Intergovernmental Agreement with City of St. Helens for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sarah Hanson asked that the discussion of the management agreement with Legal Aid for the running of the law library be ***PULLED*** from the agenda.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Friday to attend a meeting on the harvest management plan; there was a really good discussion. On Monday, he was again in Salem for the Association of Oregon Counties meeting to interact with the legislators and to testify about forest trust payments.

Today they have a meeting with Senator Merkley focused on the National Guard. On Saturday there is a town hall in Rainier with our new Congresswomen, Susan Bonamici. Unfortunately, Hyde will be in Washington as part of the National Association of Counties, and will be meeting with

every one of the federal legislators. There is a coalition between House members, DeFazio, Walden, and Schrader, on amending the forest trust legislation.

#### **COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher was in Salem on Monday at the AOC to speak with legislators about a variety of bills.

Also stated that if you went to [government.com](http://government.com) you can find information on health issues for kids; there is some very important work being done.

With regard to the characterizations spoken earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Fisher disagrees with them. He believes this Board did a remarkable job in transferring public health without missing a beat.

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

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to thank Commissioners Hyde and Fisher for making his daughter feel welcome at the AOC meeting. She picked up a few pointers on how state government works.

The Commissioner also wanted to mention the My Fair Lady Pageant, which is a hallmark event on opening day at the fair. It is hosted by RSVP and typically sponsored by CRPUD. The nominations are now open and they are looking for nominations. There are currently over 700 RSVP volunteers in the County. He does have applications available if anyone is interested.

He also attended the Oregon Hunters Association banquet on Saturday. He pointed out that a lot of people didn't know that money spent on hunting licenses actually funded the Game Commission. There was over 300 people in attendance and a good time was had.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22<sup>nd</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:

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