

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, 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 March 7, 2012 Board meeting and March 7, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Jim Gibson, Clatskanie: Jim made the suggestion that the County post any proposed Ordinance under consideration on the website, so that people are aware of them.

DELIBERATIONS ON RABIES VACCINATION REPORTING ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for deliberations on proposed Ordinance No. 2012-1, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Rabies Vaccination Reporting Ordinance".

It appears that there are still some issues of concern with this ordinance and is therefore not ready for action. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to continue deliberations to March 21, 2012, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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 3/12/12.
- (B) Order No. 10-2012, (Initiating/Finalizing Vacation Proceedings) "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of an Alleyway in Block 16, Mellinger's First Addition to Vernonia, Oregon [John A. And Teresa L. Williams]".
- (C) Appoint Kannikar Petersen to the Columbia County Cultural Coalition for a 3 year term.
- (D) Reappoint Larry Cole, Carol Sawyer and Darrel Whipple to the Columbia County Cultural Coalition for a three year term.
- (E) Appoint Ted Richardson to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District to complete the term of Louis Raffin.
- (F) Approve 2012 Social Gaming License for Wayside Inn.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Intergovernmental Agreement #165-130010-12 with the Secretary of State Elections Division and authorize the Clerk to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last Friday, NW Natural Gas gave a presentation on their state of affairs and plans are looking good for expanding their gas storage in Columbia County.

On Thursday, he was in Beaverton for an Oregon Business Development meeting to discuss repercussions of the recent legislative session.

He was in Salem on Monday for an AOC meeting.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended a meeting last Thursday in Astoria for discussion on the various kinds of social services that will be impacted by the development of Early Learning Councils. As the Board is aware, the Commission on Children & Families program will be gone next year so the services they provide, along with many other services, will be impacted. The group is looking at how best to package those services remaining.

On Tuesday, he met with the joint providers group which deals with the Community Care Organizations (CCO's). For groups wanting to be CCO's, their Letter of Intent must be submitted by April 2, 2012. As of October 1st, if you are not part of a CCO and those providers bill Medicare and Medicaid, they will take a 12.5% reduction on top of an already 10% reduction. That is a significant loss and reiterates the importance of getting in those Letters of Intent.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller briefly reported on the CEPA meeting held last Tuesday; the Columbia County Transportation meeting held last week and the NOHA meeting in Tillamook he attended last Thursday.

He mentioned again that the Fair Board continues to hold weekly meetings in preparation for the upcoming 2012 County Fair.

On Thursday, he also attended the United Way Meeting, where he sits on the Board of Directors. They worked around the table to determine how best to distribute approximately \$200,000 of United Way money for very local worthwhile charities. They were pleased to see that, even with these economic times, the contributions were about the same as last year.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(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 14th day of March, 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