

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 18, 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 April 11, 2012 Board meeting and April 11, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PROCLAIM APRIL 26, 2012 AS "PAY IT FORWARD" DAY:

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation into the record and afterwards, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to proclaim April 26, 2012 as "Pay It Forward" day. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (D) for future discussion. With no other 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 4/16/12.
- (B) Authorize out-of-state travel for Drug Court PO to attend training conference in Nashville on May 30, 2012.
- (C) Resolution No. 12-2012, "In the Matter of Nominating an Oregon Regionally Significant Industrial Area".
- (D) Application with the City of St. Helens to site a 24 x 24 temporary modular classroom/office on County property located at 2370 Gable Road, St. Helens, and authorize the Chair to sign. (*Pulled and Held Over*)
AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:
- (E) South Columbia County Enterprise Zone Association Intergovernmental Agreement.
- (F) Agreement with BCX, Inc. for payment of depletion fees.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

The Board has been putting a lot of their focus on balancing the county FY13 budget and it hasn't been easy.

Last Thursday, he attended the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee meeting. Commissioner Hyde talked with them about the county's budget and possible reductions. This makes the committee more important than ever and that, collectively, we need their advice with regards to any budgetary changes to the department.

On Monday, sat on the *ConnectOregon* panel for the final decisions on projects. Columbia County may fair very well, as they have 5 out of the top 13 projects

He attended the quarterly Board meeting for the Economic Development Team yesterday where they talked about their action plan for business attraction and retention. Also talked about their website and how it can be enhanced.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher reported on information he received that CenturyLink, a major broadband provider in Columbia County, has received a grant to help in developing more high speed internet services to parts of the county that are under-served.

He received some calls over the weekend about road issues and other county services that people are concerned about. It will be a challenge for the county to continue to provide high quality service with fewer and fewer dollars.

Clatskanie held their Clean Up the Community Day last Saturday and was a great success. They have been doing this for about 10 years and are seeing less people. Less people actually means that the program is working because most of all junk items have been brought in over the years and not much left.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller has also received some complaints about road issues. He feels that the county needs to determine how best to communicate with the people on these various issues - basic customer service.

He reported on The Oregon Consortium quarterly meeting he attended in last week. There are some major changes in workforce funding, with reduced or cut budgets, which results in restructuring of services. While there, he was appointed to the reorganization committee.

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to mention the recent loss of Brant Hicks. Brant was killed last week in a drowning accident, while saving his two year old son who fell into the river. It was a tragic accident and Brant Hicks died a hero. Our condolences to the Hicks family.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of April, 2012.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh