

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 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 Sarah Hanson, 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 August 8, 2012 Board meeting and August 8, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PROCLAIM "TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH":

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation for the record and, with that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to proclaim September 2012 as "Traffic Safety Awareness Month". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With Item (D) pulled for discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 8/13/12.
- (B) Cancel the August 29, 2012 Board meeting.
- (C) Ratify FY2012 State Homeland Security Grant Program Application for review of City of Clatskanie Emergency Plan.
- (D) Order No. 41-2012, "In the Matter of a Petition for Road Improvements to Birch Lane to be Financed by Special Assessment". (*Pulled for discussion*)
- (E) Resolution No. 42-2012, "In the Matter of the FFY 2012 Elections for O&C Land Related Safety-Net Payments"
- (F) Approve application for Land for Recreation or Public Purpose to Bureau of Land Management for Scaponia Park Lease and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #2 to the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team for Healthy Start Services.
- (H) Maintenance Contract Renewal with CrossMatch Technologies and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (D): ORDER NO. 41-2012 - BIRCH LAND LID:

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to point out that it appears there is a huge amount of staff time and financial costs to the county with all of the work that goes into a request of this type, whether or not the property owners decides to follow through with the LID. Because of that, he has asked Dave Hill to work with Counsel on how to require the applicants to pay at least a portion of the costs up front.

That said, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Order No. 41-2012, "In the Matter of a Petition for Road Improvements to Birch Lane to be Financed by Special Assessment". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Thursday for an all day pre-meeting with the State Budget funding team to rate the different departments and how they will be funded.

He had a great weekend attending various events. He and others met with the former Chief of Staff on the potential for the Scappoose Airport and then the Wings & Wheels event at the airport on Sunday.

There was a very good editorial in the Sunday Oregonian regarding the Vernonia School project and reminded the Board that the grand opening will be held next Tuesday, August 21st.

Last night he attended the CRF&R Board meeting to talk with them about moving forward with the EOC facility. While present, he had the opportunity to observe the presentation of awards and merit badges.

He mentioned that he will be in Eugene on Friday for an O&C meeting.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher feels that the Vernonia School opening is really a great success story, and a model used by two Governors.

He attended the Hwy 30 Safety subcommittee meeting on education this morning. The proclamation that the Board just adopted is a result of this group. They are wanting to put an emphasis on safety for the month of September. There will be a video contest in each school districts for the best video produced. Georgia Pacific has given a \$2,500 grant for this project and each school district will receive \$500.

He also attended the Wings & Wheels at the Scappoose Airport and complimented the Chamber of Commerce for their hard work in putting this together.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also enjoyed the many events over the past weekend.

On Monday night he attended the Fair Board meeting. They had some preliminary numbers and the good news is that they made some money. They commended their volunteers for a job well done. He is pleased to say that they have a group of Fair Board member and volunteers that are already ramping up for next year.

He wanted to publicly thank those members of the public who have taken an interest in the cattle project. Donations are coming in, people are cutting and donating hay, watering the cows, and providing help in many different ways. Thanks go to all.

He commented on the new Commissioner's Corner, where the Board is meeting at Holten's Café for an informal "chit chat" with the public individually on many different issues going on around the county. He is hearing some very positive comments on this so far.

He wanted to mention that, due to loss of revenue, CAT is going through some significant changes and many of their grant programs are drying up. Everything including VA services, Housing, staffing, assistance programs are downsizing due to funding cuts. Times are tough but they trying to do what they can under the circumstances.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th of August, 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

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh