

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 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 Sarah Hanson, 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 August 15, 2012 Board meeting and August 15, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. After pulling Item ③) for discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 8/20/12.
- (B) Appoint Mike Greisen to the Transportation/Road Advisory Committee for a two year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Document Publishing, Processing and Delivery and authorize the Chair to sign [*PULLED & HELD OVER TO STAFF MEETING*].
- (D) Amendment #1 to ODOT Grant Agreement #28393 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Eugene last week to attend the AOC Board meeting. They had many discussions, including strategy for the next legislative delegation. There was also a great deal of discussion about the time line with regard to Title II and Title III projects. Title II monies need to be committed within the next 30 days.

He was also drafted into facilitating the Intel picnic event at Cedar Ridge; his discussions with the employees were very interesting. A lot of the employees are foreigners, who have engineering degrees that the US can't supply.

On Monday he helped prepare the new school in Vernonia for the opening events that happened on Tuesday. It was a pretty emotional grand opening, especially when the kids started working into the school.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also attended the school grand opening, and was really impressed with the technology involved and the sustainability. While there, he had the opportunity to talk to a spokesman from Stimson Lumber, who said the housing market is picking up, which is good news for jobs. He also talked with ODOT about looking at options in regard to the safety corridor; there will be a meeting sometime in September, after funding is secured.

Commissioner Fisher wanted to mention that there is some chip sealing currently going on in the County right now. We are doing all the chip sealing we can afford to do, which means some roads will not be done.

Finally, he indicated that last night at the Kiwanis meeting the president of P&W Railroad was present and discussed the likelihood of Astoria using the railroad more and, if they do, we want it to stop in Columbia County.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the school grand opening and found it interesting to look at it from a number of different ways. He talked to various colleagues from other areas, trying to keep his finger on the pulse of what is happening. This project would never have come to

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fruition without politicians from the local level to the federal level coming together to see it happen.

The Commissioners' Corner last Friday was well attended; Commissioner Hyde will be taking care of it this week, since Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Fisher will be gone.

He will be on vacation next week, but will be traveling from central Oregon to the Oregon State Fair association meeting one day during that vacation.

Finally, Commissioner Heimuller wanted to mention all the hay donations and give a shout out to all those folks who donated a great thanks; most want to remain anonymous, but he recognizes and appreciates their efforts.

To Thomas and Patsy, the 2 coordinators from Community Corrections, many thanks for dealing with his schedule and being so willing to drop what they're doing and help out.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22nd 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

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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By: _____
Cynthia Zemaitis

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner