

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 26, 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 September 12, 2012 Board meeting; September 12, 2012 Staff meeting; September 19, 2012 Board meeting; and September 19, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: Don has been expecting a call from Commissioner Hyde because he was going to look into the apron requirement. He hasn't hear anything so he is here today for any update. Don pointed out that there are a lot of paved roads in the county that will be going back to gravel due to lack of funding. Why he can't he do that with his own driveway.

Commissioner Hyde explained that, when a road is in such disrepair, it needs to go back to the gravel base in order to rebuild it. That's the basic concept for the County taking some roads back to gravel.

Don feels that should apply to him too - to allow him to take his own driveway back to gravel until he has the funding to repair it correctly.

After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller explained that this is a much bigger issue than what can take place in a Board meeting. There are points on both side of this, however, there is historical use of that easement and, like the park/people or not, they have to have access to their property. It was suggested that if Don can get some type of agreement with all parties involved and bring that back before the Board, it may have some bearing on this matter.

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 9/24/12.
- (B) Approve the reduction of the furlough schedule previously approved in Amended and Restated Order No. 15-2012 from 26 to 21 unpaid furlough days during Fiscal Year 2012-13, effective October 1, 2012.
- (C) Order No. 44-2012, "In the Matter of Amending the Fees for Columbia County Animal Control Services".
- (D) Appoint Sharon Evinger to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Amendment #1 to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Gary L and Darlene M. Berntsen under the Columbia County Flood Recovery Buy-out Program.
- (F) Infrastructure Contract #4055-DR-OR with Oregon Office of Emergency Management for January 2012 Winter Storm Road Repairs and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

TITLE III FUNDING:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, addressed the two Title III project requests: County Parks for the CZ Trail Hawkins Creek Bridge and the Oregon Department of Forest for Firewise. It is her understanding that a portion of the funding for both of these projects were recommended to RAC for approval through Title II funding. Because the Board must initiate projects under Title III by 9/30/12, Cynthia is seeking direction from the Board.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to initiate and preliminary approve the Secure Rural Schools Title III Funding proposal for Federal FY 2013 submitted by Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$41,018.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Further, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to initiate and preliminarily approve the Title III funding proposal for Federal FY 2013 submitted by the Oregon Department of Forestry in the amount of \$10,000. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde spent the past two days in Salem, where he sits on the Governor's budget committee for programming funding for jobs and economy. This is a new 10 year outcome based budget process.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended a meeting yesterday to conduct health assessments for Columbia County as part of the process for public health to become certified. The group found that more data is needed. It was interesting to find that there is an array of sources that already exist out there for gathering information.

On Saturday, he was in Scappoose for Representative Brad Witt's town hall that included a work shop on CCO's. There were some good questions asked by the public on what a CCO is and how it will individually effect them.

He wanted to give a shout out to Emmert Motors and others who participated in the very successful Child Safety Seat event last week. He just received word that the State of Oregon has approved the "Keep Kids Safe" license plate. The additional plate cost of \$30 goes into a fund, of which half comes back to the County to be used for child abuse prevention.

On Monday he attended the 5 Area Luncheon at the Senior Center. He had the privilege of sitting with a women from Scappoose who is 90.5. She was raised in this area and had some very interesting stories to tell.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to recognize Sally Norbom, our RSVP volunteer greeter and basically the face of Columbia County. She is so much more than a greeter, she is the go to person in many different areas and helps out county departments with their overload. She has a good vision on determining who the right person is to put into programs whether it's working with children in the schools, overseeing the operation of the My Fair Lady pageant, working on fundraisers. She has become ill and will not be able to continue with any of these programs or committees because she cannot be exposed to any infections. This illness is not terminal and she is excited about going to Seattle to participate in an experimental program with some cutting edge medical treatments. Sally did say that we can send her work at home to keep her busy and occupied. We miss her already.

The County Employee Picnic was held last week and, he personally feels it was a great success. It was all thanks to the number of employees that pitched in to help with help out with set up and clean up.

The Fair Board held their first 2013 Fair Planning workshop, so they're already moving forward on that.

Commissioner Heimuller also wanted to comment on the car seat event at Emmerts. This is the first tie in with a private company to hold this type of event. General Motors is already a sponsor of this program but we, in Columbia County, have never taken advantage of it. Emmerts is now talking about putting some time, energy and money into training their employees to be car seat technicians.

On Friday, he attended the grand re-opening of the Sacagawea Health Center at the Lewis & Clark school to showcase the major expansion to the facility. Sacagawea also hosted the Koffee Klatch that morning with Senator Johnson and Representative Witt present.

Attended two CAT meetings with week and the 911 Board meeting. They are continuing to work on hiring a new administrator for 911 as Lee Knowlton will be retiring the first of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) - REAL PROPERTY:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

FIRING RANGE DISCUSSION:

The Board met with Knife River representatives Tim Marshall, Brian Gray and Margie Schroeder, attorney for Knife River, to discuss the Property Donation Agreement for the firing range property. General discussion was held on the various issues and concerns by both parties.

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The Board recessed the regular session to go back into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board met again with representatives of Knife River and it was determined that the attorneys for both Columbia County and Knife River will prepare an agreement based on the discussions and

agreements reached here today. Once finalized, it will come before the Board for consideration.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26th of September, 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: _____

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh