

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 3, 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 September 26, 2012 Board meeting and September 26, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Scott Grove 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose:*** A couple of weeks ago he received a call from Sheriff Dickerson. He stated that he is trying to develop an enforceable noise/nuisance ordinance and wanted Scott's input in light of his past experience. Scott was then surprised to hear that this has been worked on for years. He believes this was simply a campaign call. When Scott saw the Dreyer Kennel was on the agenda, he wanted to be here to see the outcome of this application. It is quite obvious that, for whatever reason, this county is not equipped to handle nuisance/noise issues.

**DELIBERATIONS: KRISTEN DREYER VARIANCE TO KENNEL SETBACK & CUP:**

This is the time set for deliberations “In the Matter of the Application of Kristen Dreyer for a Major Variance to Kennel Setback Standard (V 12-01) and for a Conditionally Permitted Home Occupation in the Primary Forest (PF-80) Zone”.

Robin explained that the Board held a hearing on this matter on 9/12/12, closed the hearing and left the record open for two weeks. Robin entered a letter received from Mr. Dreyer, dated 9/12/12, into the record, marked **Exhibit “3”**. The record is now closed and it is time for the Board to deliberate towards a decision.

Commissioner Fisher understands there is an agreement between the neighbor that testified and the applicant to address their issues. Because of that, Commissioner Fisher sees no reason not to approve this.

Commissioner Heimuller felt that there are times when neighbors get upset with dogs barking, but the reality is that dogs bark. He would like to do a site visit to carefully weigh all of the conditions, so he is not ready to make a decision today. October 21<sup>st</sup> is the 150 day deadline and the applicant has the ability to waive that and Commissioner Hyde suggested asking if the applicant is willing to waive that deadline to allow the Board to visit the property.

With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to continue deliberations to Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robin noted that she will look into the rules to see if it's appropriate for the Board to make a site visit at this point and report back to them.

### **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 10/01/12.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (B) Contract Funding Addendum #9 to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-OR with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.
- (C) Art Project Release Agreement with David Williamson.
- (D) Art Project Release Agreement with Marlene Field.
- (E) Art Project Release Agreement with Kathie Fellows.
- (F) Art Project Release Agreement with Mary L. Duvall.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FROM KIWANIS TO CO-SPONSOR HOLIDAY HOPE FOOD BASKETS:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board on behalf of the St. Helens Kiwanis to request the County co-sponsor the Holiday Hope Food Baskets. Thanks to the County's co-sponsorship, it was a very, very successful event last year. They would like to see this happen again. The City of St. Helens will also be considering their partnership in this event at their next meeting.

The Board fully supports this and, with that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the County co-sponsoring with Kiwanis on the Holiday Hope Food Baskets event. The motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT #1 TO PSC WITH OTAK FOR THE TRANSIT CENTER:**

Janet Wright and Bill Potter were present for discussion on Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with OTAK for work at the CC Rider Transit Facility. The document before the Board covers an array of services provided by OTAK which has been approved by the Board over the last year. The amendment itself is for services moving on the project from this point forward. They would like to get going on the environmental work prior before the weather.

Robin noted that this contract is being funded by the ODOT grant that was previously approved by the Board that has not yet been funded. We are still waiting for ODOT to “pin” it through at the FTA. Commissioner Heimuller asked about the dollar amount in this amendment, which isn’t clear. Because of the volume of this document and some unanswered questions, the Board will need some additional time to review it. They will reconsider this amendment at the afternoon staff meeting.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde noted that PCC is currently conducting a job search for a new president of the college due to the retirement of Preston Pulliam. The PCC Board came to the CEPA meeting yesterday to get input from Columbia County on what we would like to see in the future leadership of the college. The also talked about PCC’s “brick and mortar” building coming to Columbia County in the near future.

Last Friday, he was able to attend the grant opening of the almost 100% expansion of Oregon Aero and they are already talking about the next expansion. This is huge for Columbia County.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher attended the Joint Fisheries meeting last week. This group meets on a regular basis to review and discuss issues surrounding the lower Columbia River.

He also attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. This is a venue for private, public, non-profits and other agencies to discuss their issues on emergency management. It's important to note that Columbia County is viewed by the State as a county that works together.

He attended the Department Head meeting yesterday and discussed the reinstatement of 5 furlough days.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller was out of town during the ribbon cutting at Oregon Aero, but he wanted to congratulate them on what he feels is a true success story.

Another truly astounding thing was the meeting the Board participated in regarding the Dibble Point property in Rainier. Discussions have been ongoing for many years but there has been some movement on this in the past year where they actually had the Department of State Lands, State and County Parks, Senator Johnson and others at the table to discuss how to retain access one of the best fishing and recreational areas along the Columbia River.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 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:

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh