

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 17, 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 October 10, 2012 Board meeting and October 10, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

*Al Petersen, 101 St. Helens St., St Helens:* Mr. Petersen submitted additional information into the record on the Sam Jauron application.

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

This is the time set for continued 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, last week, the Board reopened the record to allow themselves time to visit the site. Notice was sent out to those who testified, informing them of the date and time of the site visit and that deliberations will be held on 10/31/12.

With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to continue deliberations on this matter to October 31, 2012, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 10/8/12 and 10/15/12.
- (B) Create the position of Board Office Administrator, approve the job description and assign to Exempt Salary Range E03.
- (C) Appoint Jan Greenhalgh to the position of Board Office Administrator at Exempt Salary Range E03, Step 3, effective July 1, 2012.
- (D) Approve Personnel Action for Jan Greenhalgh.
- (E) Resolution No. 48-2012, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Continuation of the Special Advocacy Fund".
- (F) Ratify approval of authorized signatures for cash payments on Economic and Community Development Department Awards.
- (G) Appoint James Tierney and Leslie Jerry Keenon to Board of Property Tax Appeals for Chairperson's Pool.
- (H) Appoint James Tierney, Peter McHugh, Leslie Jerry Keenon and Richard Larsen to Board of Property Tax Appeals Non-Office-Holding Pool.
- (I) Authorize the Use of FMA funds for 1179 Heather Lane, Vernonia (Clint Crowder).

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (J) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbia City for work crew services.
- (K) Amendment to Employee Sharing Agreement by and between Columbia County and the Columbia County Economic Team.
- (L) License and Indemnity Agreement by and between Columbia County and the Columbia County Economic Team.
- (M) Intergovernmental Agreement with Sunset Empire Transportation District for Highway 30 Transit Service.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde commented on the recent depressing news about the closure of what remains of the Boise Mill. That's 100 + employees that will be out of a job December 31<sup>st</sup>. He had a long discussion yesterday with the mill representatives and it is their perspective that they are changing their product line. They are no longer be in the paper business and will now be focusing on cardboard. Unfortunately, we don't make cardboard in Columbia County. However, they have committed to re-purposing that property as soon as possible - so the good news is that want to find another use for the site.

He was in Portland this morning in front of the State Treasurer and the State Progress Board to discuss outcomes of the State's 10 year budget process and how it's working.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher also commented on the distressing news that Boise is shutting down. This stresses how important it is for us to contact our legislators and have input at the State level to help create policy that will encourage businesses to bring jobs to our county.

He was in Portland last Thursday attending a CCO meeting put on by Care Oregon. As we move towards creating a new health system for people on the Oregon Health Plan, it was comforting to know that there are models out there that have used similar processes the we are using. He had a meeting yesterday with the people at the health foundation about using Public Health as a primary care in some ways. Those options are being looked at but still a work in progress.

He had the opportunity yesterday to visit with some of the schools in Columbia County. As part of the US Hwy 30 Education Safety subcommittee, they are sponsoring a contest in the schools for the kids to create safety videos ending January 4<sup>th</sup>. Each district will receive \$500 prize. Whoever wins in each of those schools, that student and the principal will determine who that \$500 is spent. He also wanted to mention that the \$2,500 for this program is being contributed by Wauna Mill.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller also commented on the Boise announcement. They have gone from 640 employees down to 100 now down to 0 and it's a huge concern for the whole county. He spoke with mill representatives prior to that announcement and the question was asked how that effects the Cascade machine that's still up and running. Will there be

other bad news? Every time Boise ratches down, the City of St. Helens' water and sewer rates go up because it was designed at a capacity to support the mill.

On a related note, he attended a Masonic meeting in Rainier yesterday. One of the members is a car salesman at Emmert Motor and had a Boise Mill customer yesterday looking at a new car. Now, the chances are that sale won't go through and it just reflects how this closure effects our local community.

He attended the combined Adult & Juvenile Departments annual picnic and BBQ last week at the corrections facility. These two departments were recently combined due to budget cuts. He was treated with a lot of respect by a great group of people who seem to be working well together. He was very impressed with how well this whole transition has worked.

The Board met last week with the County Parks Advisory Committee. It was good to share comments and concerns and enjoyed being able to spend time with them. He would like to see that happen with other Boards/Committee in the future.

As a small bit of information - the 911 District will be hiring a new director due to the retirement of the current director, Lee Knowlton. The position will be offered to the 911 Director in Klamath County. She has a lot of 911 experience and very familiar with providing those services in a rural area.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh