

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 24, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Richard Melton, 55141 Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose: He is here again because he has been told by the County Commissioners that he would need to buy a permit to display a political sign. How much is an electrical permit to hang a cardboard sign and how come the mentally disabled has to by a permit? The Governor's office has informed him that he does not need to buy a permit to post an political sign. He also talked with the US Department of Justice and they suggested he file a lawsuit against the county because they are violating his rights.

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to say that he totally agrees with freedom of speech and the constitutional right to hang any political signs.

Stewart Forman, St. Helens: He read in the paper about Boise Cascade closing and a lot of people losing their jobs. That said, he is here today about a hazardous waste dump site. The road to the property is accessed by Sykes Road is a 16 acre dump, not too far from the soccer field at the Fairgrounds. He talked with DEQ and obtained a data sheet on this dump site. The contaminated fluids are draining towards the Asburry Acres field and within 4200 feet from the McNulty ground water system. He is not sure what the County can do about this, but would ask that they keep it on their radar.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Fisher 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 10/22/12.
- (B) Create the position of Board Office Administrator, approve the job description and assign to Salary Range 26, effective July 1, 2012.
- (C) Appoint Jan Greenhalgh to the position of Board Office Administrator and approve the Personnel Action.
- (D) Order No. 49-2012, "In the Matter of Reimbursing Public Agencies in Columbia County for the Cost Impacts of the Hood-to-Coast Relay and Returning Remaining Deposit".
- (E) Site Specific Reviews for:
 - 69005 Hwy 47, Vernonia;
 - 191 "A" St., Vernonia;
 - 341 "C" St., Vernonia;
 - 843 State Ave, Vernonia;
 - 65586 Nehalem Hwy N., Vernonia;
 - 1206 State Ave, Vernonia;
 - 101 North St., Vernonia

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Amendment #13 to the 2011-2013 IGA #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ST. HELENS:

Robin presented the Board with a Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for use of the Courthouse Plaza area for Halloween activities between October 10, 2012 through November 2, 2012. After review, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the use of the Courthouse Plaza for Halloween activities 10/12/12 through 11/2/12. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended a two day event on Columbia Pacific CCO's. This is a very difficult and complex process involving a lot of practitioners, contracts that have to be established and a very tight time line. By the 1st of November, 5, 000 county residents will be moved into the CCO program. Then there will be an additional 25,000 moved from the Oregon Health Plan or Medicaid in a CCO. There is expected to be some issues that come up, but there should be no changes in continued care. On Monday, there was a CCO meeting here in Columbia County to discuss how those needs will need to be met locally.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented that he was just in Klamath County and they haven't even started their CCO process so he is thankful for the time and effort Commissioner Fisher has put forth in getting this moved along.

While in Klamath County, he was involved in interviewing officials regarding their 911 Director, who has been offered the position for the Columbia County 911 Director. It appears that she will be accepting that position and he was pleased to report that all of the interviews with their Sheriff, Police and Fire Chiefs, their Board of Directors and staff members were all very positive.

He attended the RSVP Advisory Council meeting last week. They have moved their administrative office back to the CRPUD administrative office. This offers more direct supervision from the Fire Chief, as they are the agency sponsor for this program. It also eliminates some duplication of expenses with having a separate office.

He noted that RSVP will be holding their holiday party for their Board members and volunteers on December 2nd and wanted to extend an invitation to the Commissioners.

Last Thursday, he and Commissioner Fisher attended the NWRC&D annual dinner meeting at Camp 18. There was a great turnout and it was good to get an update on the northwest part of our State and how things are going in other counties as it pertains to conservation and water issues.

A reminder that the Fair Board is already holding their Fair planning meetings the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the fair office. These are open meetings and

anyone can attend. There are going to be some significant improvements to the grounds this year. He was happy to report that this years Fair ended up with a \$80,000 profit, which allows for some good seed money for next years Fair.

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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 24th 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: Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Chair

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By: _____

Jan Greenhlagh,

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner