

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 5, 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 Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier. Don is here again today to ask for something in writing from the County with regards to allowing a non-conforming use at the Deer Pointe Meadows MHP. As a condition of the recent LUCS approval, the applicant was required to do a monthly reporting on the septic system, at the state level. The system used by the mobile home park affects him personally and its use should not be allowed to continue.

Commissioner Heimuller stated that, as Don is aware, the Board has received and reviewed a lot of information on this matter this is not something the Board is taking lightly. Although the Board appreciates the time and effort Don has also put into this issue, he

understands that this has already been dealt with through the final order recently approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Items (C), (G) & (H) were pulled and held over. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for weeks of 12/3/12.
- (B) Appoint Walt Pesterfield and Cindy Jaeger to the Commission on Children & Families for a (4) year term.
- (C) Order No. 50-2012, "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 (CU 12-09)". ***(Pulled and held over)***.
- (D) Order No. 51-2012, "In the Matter of Approving Title III Projects for FFY 2013 Under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141".
- (E) Ratify letter to Ticor Title Company regarding Release of Funds from Escrow #73811005250A-TTCOL07 signed by Commissioner Hyde.
- (F) Approve 2012 Liquor License for Dog Beach Beveridge.
- (G) Authorize Commissioner Fisher to sign the County's Representation letter to Pauly, Rogers. ***(Pulled and held over)***
- (H) Authorize the Chair to sign the Management Discussion and Analysis section of the FY12 County Audit. ***(Pulled and held over)***

The motion carried unanimously.

CHAPMAN GRANGE ROAD:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss Chapman Grange Road. Recently, there has been a lot of logging activity on this road and many of the residents have complained about the log trucks and are insisting that the road be graded. Dave issued a permit to Lanny McDonald who paid the fee of \$452 to haul on the road, with the requirement that the road be graded after hauling was complete. If McDonald did not have the means to do that, he could pay the County Road Department \$500 to grade the road. The logging operation is now complete and the neighbors are complaining about the road. Dave has tried to contact Mr. McDonald, with no response. He feels that the responsible thing to do is have the Road Department grade the road and then deal with Lanny afterwards. Because this is not a county road, the Board would need to authorize the Road Department to grade the road

Commissioner Heimuller asked if Dave plans to bill McDonald back for the services provided by the County. Dave explained that, as it turns out, Longview Fiber has a much larger timber operation up there and they have paid a fee of \$2,700. They are currently putting 10-15 loads of gravel on Chapman Grange Road. For the record, Longview Fiber has been very cooperative, not only on these operations but others as well. That said, Dave will be requiring a larger deposit on these types of permits.

After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Order No. 53-2012, "In the Matter of Authorizing the County Road Official to Perform Road Grading on Chapman Grange Road, a Local Access Road in Columbia County". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

He attended the Annual O&C meeting in Eugene on Monday where he was re-elected as Vice President of the O&C Board.

Commissioner Hyde is leaving today for Washington DC to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Memphis. He will report on his trip next week.

The Harlem Globetrotters were recently in Vernonia.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher reported on the Oregon Business Summit he attended in Portland last Monday. The Commissioners are always working hard to bring jobs to Columbia County.

On Thursday, he attended an AOC meeting in Salem for a statewide workshop on law enforcement. They discussed the limited law enforcement opportunities around the state due to budget cuts.

He wanted to compliment Commissioner Heimuller on how he helped get the school buses moving again after a problem at the switching yard. The problem was fixed the next day.

There was a lead article in the Oregonian this week about special levies and how local option levies are not working. Until Measure 5 is changed, many agencies won't be getting their levies because they are at compression. On January 15th, there will be a meeting at the Scappoose High School with guest speakers to explain how public finance

works. We all need to understand how our system is structured and then determine what we can do.

He briefly reported on the Traffic Safety Committee he attended this morning.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

He and Commissioner Fisher were asked to attend a meeting with DHS. It was a very substantive and in depth meeting and, while there, he heard gentlemen comment on his appreciation of the cooperation and collaboration that Columbia County has with the different agencies in the County - this is the second time in one week he's heard that and was very impressed with it.

Commissioner Heimuller gave a shout out to Lee Knowlton, the 911 Director who is retiring.

He wanted to acknowledge the passing of Burt Burr. Burt was a teacher in St. Helens for many years and active in his community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

The Toy & Joy event was held last Saturday - a great annual benefit for food baskets and toys for families here in Columbia County. This Saturday is Clatskanie's holiday gala which is another huge community event that allows us all to help those in need.

He heard that Jim Ervin, P&W Railroad, is leaving Oregon and moving to Australia. Jim has been a great partner here in Columbia County and hopefully his replacement will be a good fit.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 am and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Hyde gave a brief report on his meeting that morning with regards to the ethanol plan in Port Westward. No action was taken.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th of December, 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

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner