

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 19, 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 December 12, 2012 Board meeting and December 12, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

FUNDING REQUEST: MICRO ENTERPRISE SERVICES OF OREGON:

Sanford Maddox, Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), 40008 NE Martin Luther King Blvd., Portland, OR 97212. Mr. Maddox gave a brief history on MESO, which is a non-profit company who takes a hands-on approach to deliver training, technical and capital assistance to small businesses. MESO has provided loan and IDA opportunities for clients, not only in St. Helens, but in Rainier, Vernonia, Scappoose and Clatskanie. With everyone involved working together, this program has been very successful. They

received a grant in 2011 from USDA for \$19,100, however that funding ended in September. MESO has been working with a number of small businesses in Columbia County to help them be successful, they have helped created 1 job and retain 8 others by training and marketing. Sanford is here today to request funding to allow MESO to continue to assist small businesses in Columbia County.

After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 to the Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) project. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board also agreed to prepare a letter of support for Micro Enterprise Services to secure funding.

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 weeks of 12/17/12.
- (B) Ratify Letter of Termination of Lease Agreement with Iron Triangle Investments.
- (C) Order No. 54-2012, "In the Matter of Acquiring Permanent and Temporary Easements from Lynn and Teresa Smith for the Replacement of Fishhawk Road Bridge".
- (D) Order No. 55-2012, "In the Matter of Acquiring Permanent and Temporary Easements from Lourdes Dominguez for the Replacement of Fishhawk Road Bridge".
- (E) Order No. 56-2012, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement from Darrin and Christina Mossor for the Replacement of Fishhawk Road Bridge".

- (F) Order No. 57-2012, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement from Nelson and Hatae Boyer for the Replacement of Fishhawk Road Bridge".
- (G) Order No. 58-2012, "In the Matter of a Special Procurement for a Contract to Provide Food, Commissary and Laundry Services to the Columbia County Jail".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) License and Indemnity Agreement between Columbia County and Mark Sandstrom dba Vee Lee Amusement.
- (I) Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for use of the Plaza from 12/1/12 through 1/10/13 for holiday decorating.
- (J) Approve the Community Wildfire Protection Plan per the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was heartbroken to hear about the deadly shooting last Friday at a grade school in Connecticut. It is just unimaginable and such a tragedy to all those effected. He was also saddened to hear about the passing of Patrick Martyn, St. Helens City Councilman. He was a good man and will be missed.

He commented on the County employee holiday luncheon held last week and wanted to compliment, first the staff for the beautiful decorations and secondly, the St. Helens High School culinary class on the great job they did in catering the event.

He briefly reported on the a CIS conference he attended last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Board will be attending a "going away" event for Dave Rule, PCC President, who will be leaving his post at Rock Creek and moving to Washington. Commissioner Fisher has been very impressed with how Dave has worked to move PCC classes to Columbia County.

He reported on the recent CCO meeting he attended. They continue to move forward, however there are a huge number of issues that still need to be defined.

A Happy and Safe holiday to all.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the Toy & Joy event and the many different holiday events going on throughout the county.

On a sadder note, we are all thinking about the recent tragedy in Connecticut and our hearts and prayers are with all of those touched by this senseless act.

The Board will be attending a goodbye event today for Dave Rule, President of Rock Creek PCC campus. Dave has brought PCC and Columbia County to the table and has been a great asset to our county through PCC.

The employee holiday luncheon was held last week and he wanted to thank the employees of the third floor who put this all together. It was beautiful.

On December 18th, Pat Martyn, St. Helens City Counsel member, passed away. Although Pat was a very soft speaker, he was a very influential member of the council and will be greatly missed. Our prayers to the family.

There was no Executive Session held.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m at Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus. Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Heimuller were present.

Upon reconvening and with nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th 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: Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner