

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2013

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller moved seconded to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes for the February 20, 2013 Board meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

JEANINE DILLEY - COLUMBIA 911 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

Jeanine Dilley, Columbia 911 District Administrator, came before the Board to introduce herself and field any questions the Board may have about her personally or the agency. Commissioner Fisher asked Jeanine about her background. She explained that she was most recently working in Klamath County as their 911 Director for the past 7+ years. It's a special district as is Columbia County and was very similar in nature. Prior to that she

was 911 Director in Morrow for 12 years. She is very excited to be here and working with a very experienced staff.

While present, Jeanine briefed the Board on the 911 District's 5 year operating levy that is coming up for renewal on the May 21st ballot. This will be their third renewal and the amount will not increase from the current .29 cents. This levy will allow 911 to maintain the current level of service and provide the additional funding that is necessary for the required system upgrade. She then gave a brief review of some statistical information on their 911 services.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no additions/changes, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 2/25/13.
- (B) 2013 Liquor License Renewal for Multnomah Channel Yacht Club.
- (C) 2013 Social Gaming License for the Wayside Inn.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended the Seniors 5 Area luncheon in Rainier on Monday. He feels it is very important to do what we can for the seniors in our community.

He continues to follow the Early Learning Council. Almost daily, there are changes to this program being suggested. This is a program that will replace the Commission on Children & Families. Most recently suggested was pilots around the county but no mention of what would happen to those counties who are not. This continues to be of great concern.

He attended a CCO meeting on Thursday in Portland. They talked about where they are in the program. They will be meeting again on March 4th.

He mentioned that the Board has had their first look at the county budget and there will be some very difficult decisions to make. A lot of those decisions will depend on what happens at the federal level.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that Commissioner Hyde is not here today because he, along with representatives of AOC, are in Washington DC to meet with our legislators on Secure Rural Schools funding and many other topics that effect Oregon. We wish him the best in carrying our message to Washington.

He mentioned that there will be an ODOT meeting tonight at CRPUD to talk specifically about the safety improvements on Hwy 30 between Old Portland Road and Millard Road.

ODOT is planning to put out initial draft of those improvements. This meeting is open to the public and he encouraged those who can to attend.

He was in Salem on Friday attending the Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance meeting. They talked about the restructuring of both of these programs. It should end up a much more efficient process. They will be meeting again in April. On Saturday afternoon, he attended the Veterans "Stand Down" that was held over at the Old School. The expectation was that, if they served one veteran that day, it would be a success. As it turned out, they served between 80-100 veterans - many of them homeless, many without services and many the first exposure to veterans services. He wanted to thank the Lions Club for bringing their medical screening equipment, the ODVA for being there, the VA for bringing their mental health screening van and the CAT staff who did a phenomenal job with very little resources. He also wanted to mention that Sunshine Pizza doubled the amount of purchased food at no cost and even delivered food to veterans around the county that were not able to attend. The expectation is for this event to be even bigger and better next year.

With the county moving into the budget season and contract negotiations, the Board met last Wednesday with some union representatives to discuss the state of the county. He felt there was a very good exchange of dialog and it beneficial to all. These meetings are going to be scheduled throughout the budget process on a monthly basis.

He attended the CAT Board meeting on Monday afternoon after spending time at the 5 Area luncheon. Something weighing heavy on the minds of our seniors is the reduction of federal funding for their meal sites - typically all five of the senior centers around the county. CAT discussed the fact that they cannot continue to provide funding for 5 meal sites and will need to reduce that down to just 3 meal sites. That could be reduced even further depending on future funding. Commissioner Heimuller believes our senior centers will continue to do a good job, although the program may be structured differently.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of February, 2013.

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: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner