

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 6, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 Board meeting; February 27, 2013 Board meeting and February 27, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Rosemary Lohrke, 56679 Mollenhour Road, Scappoose: Rosemary asked if there is any update and/or plans for the Hermo Road improvements. Commissioner Fisher stated that he is not aware of any plans on the part of the County for Hermo Road development.

The county simply does not have the funding for this project. She asked if this project would qualify for Connect *Oregon* funding. Commissioner Heimuller is not sure if that project would meet the requirements. Rosemary was glad to hear this because she is not in favor of government dollars going to support private business.

Richard Jones, 52239 SE Tyler, Scappoose: He has noticed a lot more trucks leaving Columbia County hauling aggregate. He would like to see a copy of the depletion fee

and transportation ordinance. Todd Dugdale was present and stated that he would get that information to Mr. Jones after the meeting.

DELIBERATIONS: AMENDMENTS TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for deliberations, "In the Matter of Amending Section 4.01 of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance Relating to Persons, Activities and Practices Regulated".

Sarah Hanson read a list all exhibits currently in the record on this matter, which are as follows: **Exhibit A** - County Counsel's file as of 2/20/13 including Notice of Public Hearing; Affidavit of Publication; Affidavit of Mailing; and Board Communication dated 1/29/13. **Exhibit B** - Board Communication dated 2/28/13 with written comments attached; and **Exhibit C** - Letter from Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association dated 3/4/13.

Commissioner Fisher has reviewed the information submitted and, because of some questions, would be agreeable to keeping the record for some additional time for consideration at a later date. Commissioner Heimuller agreed and directed staff to review some neighboring solid waste ordinances. He has review our current ordinance and feels there are a lot of holes that need to be tightened up. There needs to be a more comprehensive review of the full ordinance, not just addressing one issue at a time. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to keep the record open and continue deliberations to Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item (D) was pulled for discussion. With no other 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 3/4/13.

- (B) Approve Personnel action for Renate Garrison.
- (C) 2013 Liquor License Renewal for Wayside Inn and Vernonia Golf Club.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Hold Harmless Agreement with Dawson Media Group for use of Old Courthouse.
(Pulled for discussion).
- (E) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Luanne Kreutzer.
- (F) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Antonia Doggett.
- (G) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Christine Vietmeier.
- (H) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Autumn Pendergrass.
- (I) Amendment #18 to the 2011-2013IGA #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (D) - HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH DAWSON MEDIA GROUP:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the Hold Harmless agreement with Dawson Media. He agrees it's a good thing to have a movie filmed at the Courthouse, however there doesn't appear to be a method in place for the county to recoup costs for any staff time. Because there are costs involved and staff time being very limited, there should be a fee attached. Understanding this is a smaller, educational type film, if a larger film project came in, there is no way to recouping our costs, which could be substantial. Commissioner Fisher agreed and felt there should be more discussion on this topic at a

future staff meeting. Sarah reviewed the ability for recouping costs, but she will schedule time with the Board and other appropriate staff for this discussion.

With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with Dawson Media Group for use of the Old Courthouse for filming. The motion carried unanimously.

CONFIRMATION/REVISION OF FUNDING PROGRAMS:

The Board received an email some time back from the Early Learning Council requesting that the County verify the accuracy of current services and those funding amounts for the Children Youth & Families; Family Support and Services; and Great Start. The deadline for the Board to sign off on this was yesterday. Jan has reviewed the list and, after making some corrections, she would recommend that the Board approve the document, sign it and return it to the State as soon as possible. Commissioner Heimuller thanked Jan for addressing this right away but just had to mention that it is somewhat frustrating that the time frame given to the counties for turnover can be so short. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Confirmation/Revision of locally budgeted investments for County Youth & Families; Great Start; and Family Support and Services, and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher appreciates the work Jan Kenna is doing on the Early Leaning Council. We still do not know the final implications to our local programs.

He attended a CCO meeting last Monday. This is an advisory committee that meets regularly. This project is moving along with a good deal of direction. He feels this is a program that should be very successful.

On Wednesday night, ODOT gave a presentation on the first draft of safety improvements to Highway 30, between Millard Road and Bennett Road. One concept that received a lot of support was to reconfigure Millard Road and install a traffic light. Then on the river side of Bennett Road, it would be changed to a right turn in and out only. The data shows that the majority of accidents are caused by those attempting a left hand turn. ODOT has taken comments and will consider those for any adjustments to the plan and will bring it back for additional review sometime in the future. This whole process may take up to 2 years.

Lastly, it's budget time again - it continues to be challenging and there will be some difficult decisions to make.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Katie Wilson, Spotlight, was present and introduced Robin Johnson, a new reporter with the Scappoose Spotlight.

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the ODOT meeting and felt that their staff did a very good job with their presentation. He feels the process is working well and appreciates everyone's work on making this stretch of Hwy 30 a much safer area.

He attended the kickoff meeting for the planning of the potentially new Park & Ride in Scappoose for CC Rider. He met with representatives of ODOT, City of Scappoose, business owners and others around the area to get the project started.

On Friday, he spent a good part of the day going on a ride-along with one of our deputies. He got to help investigate a couple of crimes, a few traffic stops and just see how we're doing. We have some great staff in our Sheriff's Office. It was an interesting experience but can see that this job can be very dangerous, especially when considering the lack of backup coverage. Thanks to all those who protect us.

As a reminder, the Columba County Fair planning meetings take place every Saturday in preparation for the 98th annual fair. Everyone is welcome to attend and volunteer.

He attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. There was a speaker from the Scappoose Fire Department, who is part of the FEMA Emergency Response Teams who has been involved in Katrina, Sandy and other catastrophic events throughout the county. He gave a very compelling demonstration on why it is so important for us to be as prepared as we can in the event of a disaster.

Tomorrow he will be attending the NOHA meeting in Warrenton.

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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 6th day of March, 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: _____

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Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner