

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 20, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 Board meeting and March 13, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller introduced his daughter Mikela Heimuller, who is here today representing the St. Helens High School Citizenship class. Mikela is the current reigning Columbia County Dairy Princess and Lieutenant Governor for Division 42 of Key Club in the Pacific Northwest Division.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (F) and held over to the afternoon session. With no other additions/changes,

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 3/18/13.
- (B) Order No. 8-2013, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain County-Owned Real Property, Known as Tax Account No. 4N1W04-AA-02100 [Patricia E. James]".
- (C) Order No. 9-2013, "In the Matter of Appointing New Members and Re-Appointing Current Members to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission".
- (D) 2013 Liquor License Renewal for: Birkenfeld Country Store; Marks on the Channel; Scipio's Goble Landing; Moose Lodge #591 St. Helens; Alston Country Store; Alston Pub; and Tio's Quincy Market.
- (E) Authorize out-of-state travel for Lorraine Churchill, to attend the WebEOC Conference, April 1-4, in Augusta, GA, to be fully funded by UASI.
- (F) Approve a refund in the amount \$853.50 for variance, hardship medical dwelling and electrical permit fees and a waiver of the septic authorization permit review in the amount of \$504.00 for Dan and June May. **(Pulled and held over)**

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Rescind 1/15/13 approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County, Columbia River Fire & Rescue and Columbia 911 Communications District.
- (H) Approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County, Columbia River Fire & Rescue and Columbia 911 Communication District and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) 2013 ODOT Fund Exchange Agreement #29180 for Coon Creek Bridge, Pebble Creek Bridge and S. Fork Scappoose Creek Bridge.
- (J) Grant Agreement #29038 with ODOT Public Transit.
- (K) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Dee Vadnais.
- (L) Amendment #1 to Amended and Restated Financial Assistance Award Contract and Amended and Restated Loan Agreement ("Loan Agreement"), #L02002, dated as of October 22, 2010 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (M) Fourth Amended and Restated Promissory Note for Loan #L02002 with the Oregon Business Community Development Department and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (N) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon State Police, City of Scappoose, City of St. Helens, City of Columbia City, City of Rainier, City of Clatskanie, City of Vernonia, Columbia County Sheriff and District Attorney's Office for Columbia County Major Crimes Team.

The motion carried unanimously.

**PGE UPDATE ON PORT WESTWARD PROJECT:**

Mark Fryburg, Government Relations with PGE, first wanted to make an announcement. PGE has a charitable foundation and every year they look for worthy causes throughout the different communities. This foundation gives to the cultural arts, healthy families and education. The Clatskanie Arts and Culture Center fits the criteria and PGE will be presenting them with a \$10,000 grant. Secondly, the foundation looks for projects that help solve and hopefully prevent problems with domestic violence. Therefore, PGE will be presenting the Woman's Resource Center with a \$5,000 donation. The Board thanked PGE for their generous donations.

Rick Tetzloff submitted a handout to the Board, which is collection of slides giving an update on PGE's Unit 2 project at the Port Westward site. PGE started developing this project about 7 years and they have just hit a major mile stone. About a month ago, this project was selected from the RFP process which gave PGE approval to start construction and design of the project. Rick went over some statistical information about PGE, i.e., customer base, employees, service areas, etc. With regards to the time line, PGE estimates that the new plant will be online and serving customers by January 2015. The Board thanked both Mark and Rick for this important update.

**NWOTA CONTRACT - CEDAR MILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY:**

Janet Wright, CC Rider, came before the Board with Dave Davies of David Evans and Associates to give an update on the NW Oregon Transit Alliance Transit Stop Improvements. As a result of a published advertisement for proposals to furnish and install public transit stop amenities for the 5-county transit alliance, one bid was received from Cedar Mill Construction Company in the amount of \$390,722. They were the successful bidder and have been sent a copy of the contract document for review. The notice of Intent to Award was provided on March 13, 2013. This is simply an update prior to final contract approval by the Board.

**JUDGE GROVE - GRANT FOR DRUG COURT HOUSING:**

Judge Grove addressed the Board regarding a drug court housing grant previously discussed with the Board last week. It appears there was some confusion as to getting the completed application document back to the Board for review, so there is now a rush to get it filed. Essentially this is a 3 year grant for \$400,000 plus for dependency drug court housing, UA's, a mentoring program and a portion for transportation. He understands that the current proposal would provide for Community Action Team to administer the grant and there is a 7% administrative fee included. Because the county is the applicant, the Board would need to approve the application and have it submitted by next week. He apologized for the delay in getting this information to the Board.

Commissioner Fisher believes there would be some very beneficial services provided for by this grant. Commissioner Heimuller had a couple of concerns. First, he felt the Board was very clear at the last meeting that they would need this proposal within the week to get it reviewed by County Counsel and the Finance Department. Secondly, he

doesn't see an actual letter from CAT that they are willing to administer this grant - only some proposed language that they will. To be clear, he doesn't have any issues with the grant, but we need to make sure the right decision is made. Judge Grove will have Brian Farrell and Jim Tierney available for the 1:00 staff meeting for more discussion.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde commented on the Supreme Court 7-1 finding yesterday in the State's favor. The court threw out the ruling that classified logging road runoff water is industrial pollution requiring an MTBS permit. Although the suit was against Tillamook County, it effects all timber counties in Oregon. Had it gone the other way, it would have essentially stopped logging everywhere.

He sat through yesterdays hearing with Senator Wyden, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resource Committee, relating to Secure Rural Schools and PILT payments. Unofficially, there is a five year re-authorization of the SRS in the President's budget. All in all, they are moving forward. He will be attending the O&C meeting this Friday and will learn more.

He attended the COLPAC meeting last Thursday in Tillamook. He stepped down as President and is now serving as Vice President. The are moving into the next phase of developing strategies for economic development.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher was in Salem on Friday, testifying on HB2870, a bill that would allow counties to issue a countywide tax on tobacco. The Board can consider if this is something they want to support or not.

On Monday he was in Astoria all day for a CCO meeting. That process continues to move forward and we are well on our way to having a system that will work.

Yesterday he was in Clatskanie for a Healthy Kids and Communities meeting. They discussed how to provide healthy foods to our communities, such a community gardens.

He will be at the PUD in Clatskanie tonight for their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

He continues to work on the student drivers education program and will be meeting with the principals and the Kiwanis groups that are interested in pursuing this program.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

On the issue of community gardens, he wanted to give a shout out to the City of St. Helens. One of the things that slowed down the community gardens participation is water bills and sewer bills are tied together, so when watering the gardens, you're also paying a sewer charge to. The city is now going to do a winter time average so not paying the sewer surcharge. Hopefully that will encourage more home gardening.

On Thursday, he was in Tillamook for a Northwest Act meeting.

The Columbia County Rodeo committee held a fund raiser at the fairgrounds last Saturday night. It was very well attended with over 300 tickets were sold. The Fair is now

operating in the black and working well with the subcommittee groups. In fact, the Rodeo committee has placed the order for \$46,000 worth of new bucking shoots for the rodeo arena. We're starting to see a lot of really needed improvements taking place at the fairgrounds.

On Friday, he attended the Empty Bowls fundraising event to support the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. He understands there was a lot of money raised.

Yesterday, he spent some time at the Public Health Foundation meeting. He is very proud of that group - they have really stepped up to the plate, considering the past situation. The facility has been remodeled and it now looks like a professional clinic

He wanted to thank Aaron Okuda, Jan Kenna and all of the volunteers who went through the car seat training program a couple of weeks ago. Because of that, we no longer have to bring trainers in from outside the county. Thanks to all the volunteers and those organizations that help sponsor this program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2013 - SUPPORT JAMES HEALY:**

After a short review of the resolution, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-2013, "In the Matter of Supporting the Nomination of Honorable James D. Healy to the National Freight Advisory Committee". The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner



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