

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 10, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 April 3, 2013 Board meeting and April 3, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

DELIBERATIONS: AMENDMENTS TO THE 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".

Robin entered a written comment received from Jeff Ingebrigtsen and Debbie Butler into the record, marked Exhibit "F". The record is closed and it is now time for the Board to

deliberate. The ordinance before the Board is in draft form and once direction is given by the Board, the final ordinance will be prepared for adoption.

Todd Dugdale had presented an update to the Board on 4/3/13. Based on testimony received and the review of other county ordinances, staff is proposing 1) a new definition of "Generator" be added to specify the person who produces the solid waste or recyclables and places them for collection, transport and disposal; 2) Section 1.07 be expanded to list those persons and agencies commonly exempted from the requirement to use a franchised entity; and 3) amend Section 4.01 to add a cross-reference to Section 1.07 listing exempted persons and agencies and to correct the omission of the phrase "for compensation" intended by Ordinance 2010-7. He has nothing further to add.

Under deliberations, Commissioner Hyde first wanted to clarify a misunderstanding out there due to an article in the newsletter that indicated that the county wanted to stop all self hauling, not specifically "landlords". He stressed that this amendment **does not** preclude a individual homeowner from collecting their own garbage and taking it to the transfer station.

Commissioner Fisher believes this provides more clarification for situations that were vague so he would agree with the amendments. Commissioner Hyde stated that, although he feels it does take the out the ambiguity, he still believes it to be somewhat heavy handed. Commissioner Heimuller is very supportive of Section B that allows the Board to exempt activity, however he would like to see some language that clarifies that process. Secondly, the language that give the ability for landlords to remove garbage/ furniture/etc. when a tenant moves out was removed from the ordinance and, because it appears that there are enough instances to justify this language, he would ask that it be put back into. With no further discussion, staff will prepare the final ordinance for the adoption.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 4/8/13.
- (B) Order No. 7-2013, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal or Sale Thereof [Community Justice-Juvenile Vehicles]".
- (C) Order No. 11-2013, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal Thereof [Unmet Needs Committee Surplus Property]".
- (D) Order No. 12-2013, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal or Sale Thereof [Forest, Parks and Recreation Vehicles]".
- (E) Order No. 13-2013, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal Thereof [IT Equipment]".
- (F) Appointment of Successor Trustee (Ticor Title) for Deed of Trust dated June 1, 2010 and re-recorded at Fee Number 2010-004524 (Family Resource Center) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Request for Full Reconveyance of Trust Deed dated June 2, 2010 and re-recorded at Fee Number 2010-004524 (Family Resource Center) and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Agreement with Cedar Mill Construction for the NW Oregon Transit Alliance Transit Stop Improvements and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR CASA EVENT:

After a brief review, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with CASA for Kids for an event to be held in the Courthouse Plaza on April 17, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the very busy week in Salem for AOC and our legislators on some important issues facing our counties.

Yesterday, the Board met with the staff of the Assessor's Office to recognize the work they have put into creating a very proactive program for property assessment. Their program is now reaching statewide accreditation. Even with reduced staff, they have managed to almost double their work production. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge them for a job well done.

Yesterday he was part of the interview process for the final two applicants for the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission, which is a group of stakeholders of city, county and private industry with regards to emergency management.

This position will be funded by all of the participating stakeholders. Background checks will be conducted on both applicants before the final decision is made.

He was in Salem yesterday to attend a reception held by the Governor for those who sat on his funding team for the 10 year budget. From a policy standpoint, it is being endorsed and supported by both the House and the Senate. While there, he had the opportunity to talk with the Governor about the DeFazio bill.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also commented on the Assessors department staff luncheon. They gave the Board a presentation a couple of weeks ago and he was very impressed with the work they are accomplishing.

He commented on the items the Board just approved related to the disposal of surplus property. A problem we have sometimes is that seems easier to receive items than it is to get rid of it through the public process.

He was in Salem on Monday for an AOC Public Safety Committee meeting and the legislative meeting. That talked about Corrections bill 3194 - this has to do with whether or not sentencing will be changed and that money will be sent to the counties to help deal with prisoners that return to the counties. It's a very complicated bill and the outcome could have a significant effect on our budget.

On Friday, he attended the County Insurance Services Board meeting. A positive part of that meeting was information on rates, which are not going up by much and, in some cases, they are going down.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller will keep it short as he is still trying to recover for his vacation, injury and sickness.

He was invited to be a judge for the Future Business Leaders of America at their State conference in Portland last Friday. He was surrounded by some brilliant teenagers and it

gave him the boost he needed. Kids today are so smart and, for the most part, are going to be great citizens in our society. He was very impressed with all of it.

He wanted to mention that Nancy Harwood's mother passed away yesterday. Nancy has been the director of the RSVP program for the past 26+ years. She has been providing home care to her mother who was in her 90's and our thoughts and prayers go to Nancy.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 am and reconvened at 12:00 noon in the Courthouse Annex meeting room. All were present.

MEETING WITH COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE:

The Board met with the Columbia County Parks Committee for lunch and held general discussion on park issues. No decision were made.

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 10th day of April, 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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Board Office Administrator