

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 17, 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:

The minutes of the April 10, 2013 Board meeting and April 10, 2013 Staff meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

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 4/15/13.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Location Agreement and Release for Use of County Courthouse by Dawson Media Group LLC and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Change order #14 with Custom Excavating by Dean Larson and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Amendment #2 to the Personal Services Contract with Beecher Carlson Insurance Agency, LLC.
- (E) Fee Service Agreement with Beecher Carlson dated March 1, 2013 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f) - Exempt Records:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to formally cancel all bids submitted for the EOC facility project. The motion carried unanimously.

RENATE GARRISON - EOC ITEMS:

- **COOP Subscription:** This matter will be held over to the staff meeting.

- **AmeriCorps HSEMC Position:** At the last Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission meeting, there was discussion on an opportunity for the county to fill an AmeriCorp position for an annual cost of \$8,600. The Oregon Red Cross is spearheading a movement to have 30 AmeriCorp positions in place dedicated solely to work in disaster preparedness and response. The HSEMC is recommending that the Board approve this expenditure and there is funding available. Renate noted that the deadline for the application is April 29th. The Board agrees this would be a good use of the HSEMC funds as long as they are available and, with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize Renate Garrison to move forward with

applying for the AmeriCorp volunteer at a cost to the county of \$8,600. The motion carried unanimously.

DEAN COX - COLUMBIA HUMANE SOCIETY:

Dean Cox, Director of the Columbia Humane Society, stated that earlier this year, he met with Commissioner Heimuller and Sheriff Dickerson to discuss the concept of merging the Animal Control program with the Columbia Humane Society for the purposes of operations. He was told to provide a business plan, which he understands has been submitted, but has not heard back yet on the status of that proposal. Commissioner Heimuller doesn't recall seeing the plan but will get in touch with the Sheriff to determine where it's at in the process.

While present, Dean reminded the Board that their annual fundraiser will be held at the St. Helens Elks Lodge on Saturday, April 27th and the Board is invited to attend as their guest.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde has been listening in on congressional hearings dealing with the SRS on a national scale. He is hopeful good will come of this.

He will be attending the O&C Board meeting in Salem tomorrow and the Forest Resource Council meeting on Monday.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was on the south coast this weekend and read an article in their local newspaper where Representative DeFazio called Senator Wyden on the carpet for his lack of understanding on the importance of the SRS.

On Friday, the Board attended a tour with BLM staff starting at Scaponia Park and moving on to the CZ trail. He appreciates BLM coming out and sharing time with the Board.

On Thursday he met with two Rainier Councilman who shared their continued concern with development in their area and the use of the railroad. He showed them what the railroad looks like in the middle of downtown Salem between two schools and what they have done to make that a positive experience.

He was in Reedsport on Monday for a CCO conference. Our CCO meets every month and ours is probably one of the best in the State. Although this is a very young program, they are moving forward on concerted efforts.

Last night he met with the Educational Service District. One point of discussion was having the ESD in St. Helens be our Early Learning Council hub. There is a great concern on where these ELC's are or aren't going and a lot of families can be effected if this is not done correctly.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also commented on the BLM tour. He was impressed with the amount of BLM staff that attended. It was a very interesting tour and was glad to see them coming to Columbia County.

He wanted to give a shout out to Walt Pesterfield and Jan Greenhalgh who, with the use of a couple of community service workers, have painted the entire Board office. Walt had previously done the same in the Juvenile and Drug Court office in the old Courthouse.

This was accomplished at hugely reduced cost thanks to our local Sherman & Williams store. Thanks to all.

Last Thursday, he was part of the interview committee for the Veterans Service Officer position. They came up with the two strongest candidates and Jim Tierney will be offering the VA Officer position to the top applicant who is the most qualified.

On Monday he participated with CAT on tour of some of our early learning opportunities for those in south county. Those included faith based, school based, as well as head start programs. These services have been a huge help and are so important.

He wanted to give a call out to our neighbors in Boston. These devastating events remind us of the potential terrorists attacks, whether national or international. There are differences between preparing for an earthquake and preparing for a terrorist attack and that is something we need to be ready for.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17th day of April, 2013.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner