

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 24, 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; April 10, 2013 Staff meeting; April 17, 2013 Board meeting; and April 17, 2013 Staff meeting were held over one week.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Scott Burge, City of Scappoose Mayor, was present to briefly comment that the city has recently revised their city goals. One of which is to work closely with the county on Chapman Landing, envisioning a tourist destination with a boat ramp. Another goal is to look at forming a council of governments for the Columbia County area. He believes that would give all involved a strong unified voice in Salem. The city is also looking forward to more development at the Scappoose airport. He thanked for the Board for their continued partnership with the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no 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 4/22/13.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Walt Pesterfield and Nathan Woodward.
- (C) Resolution No. 14-2013, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate in the Assessment and Taxation Grant".

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ODOT APPLICATION/PERMIT TO OCCUPY - CC RIDER:**

Janet Wright, CC Rider, was present to discuss an *Application and Permit to Occupy or Perform Operations upon a State Highway*, which is a part of the Northwest Transit Alliance grant already approved by the Board. Bids were solicited for the purchase and installation of signs along the transit routes. This permit for the that the State will produce and install in the Clatskanie and Rainier areas. She noted that there will be no maintenance costs for these signs. After some review and discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the submission of the permit application and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

As an update, Janet stated that Community Corrections is sending over someone to mow the grass at the transit center. Further, she and Bill Potter met with the contractor this morning and the General Manager should have all the updated paperwork ready for Board review and approval by the third week in May.

#### **COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde attended O&C meeting in Salem last Thursday. A bill has been introduced and a hearing was held with some good results. On Monday, he attended a meeting with the America Forests Resource Council to talk about the next steps with regards to that bill.

The Oregon Solutions Team is still working on final resolution for the remaining \$4.5 million that is outstanding for the Vernonia School project.

Yesterday, he attended a ribbon cutting in Vernonia to celebrate yet another school based clinic. That is now three out of five districts - with Scappoose and Clatskanie yet to develop one. While there, he pointed out that this is not a self-sustaining system. There will need to be some very aggressive fundraising efforts year round to keep it going. Commissioner Heimuller pointed out how important partnerships have become in the school based health clinics.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher wanted to send our prayers and thoughts to Senator Betsy Johnson who was in an auto accident Monday morning on her way to Salem. She is in the hospital with injuries. Betsy is such a key component at the State and so important to this county.

Monday he was in Salem meeting with Governor staff on the Early Learning Council program. This continues to be a moving target. There are some fundamental differences in the legislature on how this transition should occur, if it even does. Some

are suggesting no money, some are suggesting different levels of funding. There may be 7 hubs, decided on by application, and those should be up and running by this summer. When all said and done, there will be a total of 16 hubs.

On Friday, met with a small group in Clatskanie for coffee who meet weekly. They talked about the jail and those services and, what he heard back, is that people may be interested in a Jail levy.

He also attended the ribbon cutting in Vernonia for the school based health clinic. These are one of the best and least expensive ways to provide health care in our communities and he strongly supports that program.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Koffee Klatch last Friday at the Columbia River PUD office. It was very well attended and they always do such a nice job.

The annual CEPA fundraiser "Donkey Basketball" was held last Saturday in partnership with the St. Helens Kiwanis Club. No word yet on the amount raised, but the fireman won against the police with a 2 point spread.

He and Commissioner Fisher attended Suzanne Bonamici's town hall on Sunday.

He also attended that CAT Board meeting this week and was glad to report that they have hired a new Veterans Service Officer. There was some very qualified applicants and, as it

turns out, the person hired is the husband of the most recent VSO Grace Clark. He is already a VSO and his outreach skills will be very helpful to our rural communities.

He will be leaving tomorrow for Roseburg to attend the Oregon Consortium quarterly Board meeting on Thursday and Friday.

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner