

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 8, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 5/1/13 Board and Staff meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Allen Ford, Kinder Morgan. Kinder Morgan has spent the last 15 months pursuing the due diligence process for a potential coal export terminal at Port Westward. The company has billions of dollars of projects across county, and they take great strains to make sure the potential siting sets the project up for success. Kinder Morgan has not filed for a single permit, as they were not there yet. They do all the up front work to make sure they're ready. They have been working with the Port Commissioners and staff, who have also performed a lot of work. Engineers and operations folk took a look at the foot print and made a determination that this site is not going to work and they are not going to pursue the project. They are very disappointed. This doesn't mean there won't be more projects in the Northwest.

Commissioner Hyde stated that this company was one of the biggest stevedoring companies in the country and they have been great to work with. Commissioner Fisher

and Commissioner Heimuller appreciates their professionalism and willingness to answer all questions, and hope he will carry the message back that Columbia County is open for business.

Paula Miranda, Port of St. Helens. The Port just received this news from Kinder Morgan this morning. She wanted to say that they appreciated working with Kinder Morgan and understands the challenges they faced. She stated that she knew a lot of people thought this was a done deal, but it was not. They were in a process with Kinder Morgan. They do have an application for rezoning right now and this is a perfect example of why they need to have an expansion at Port Westward. They hope to work with Kinder Morgan in the future with other commodities. Commissioner Heimuller stated that this is an opportunity for some public education. Regardless of what happens at Port Westward, there will always be rail and road impact. People need to know why its necessary for this type of development to happen.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-1 - AMEND SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:

Sarah Hanson stated that this ordinance was before the Board for deliberations on April 3, 2013, at which time the Board recommended some changes. Those changes have been made and the ordinance is now in final format for approval. With no objection, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-2013, by title only. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to set Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at or after 10:00 am for the second reading of this ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES POSITION:

Steve Atchison, District Attorney, came before the Board to formally start the process to hire for a child support position in his office. He discussed this at the budget meeting last week. Roger Beardsley, head of Child Support Enforcement, has retired and Karen has taken that position. They need to hire her replacement. It is critical that this position be refilled, since she cannot due both jobs for much longer. Support

enforcement does act as economic zone within the County, making money. Commissioner Fisher asked Steve to give them the numbers re economic impact. Steve stated that roughly 2 to 2.4 million dollars each biennium will be collected by this office. They have been in the top 10% of the State offices by percentage of collections. Commissioner Fisher believes that by investing in this position, they can continue to bring that money into the County. Steve agrees. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve moving forward in replacing this position. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (D) for discussion at that staff meeting. 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 5/6/13.
- (B) Accept donation of 15 framed photographs of the former Boise property from the South County Chamber of Commerce.
- (C) Federal Transit Administration Certifications and Assurances for 2013 and authorize Commissioner Hyde and Sarah Hanson to pin to FTA's TEAM website.
- (D) Resolution No. 17-2013, "In the Matter of Authorizing Brian Little to Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Teevin Brothers Land and Timber Company, LLC". *(Pulled and carried over to the Staff meeting)*
- (E) Resolution No. 18-2013, "In the Matter of a Resolution Appointing Sue Martin as the Zone Manager for the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Second Amendment to Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Pauly Rogers and Co P.C.

The motion carried unanimously.

IT STAFFING:

Jean Ripa advised the Board that Gloria Rice is retiring at the end of July. Without Gloria's level of work in IT, there is no way that Jean could have managed both IT and HR. She asks that she be allowed to start the recruitment process to fill that position, but thinks it's a good time to see if the Board wants to consider options, such as outsourcing. This could not happen by the end of July, so she needs to start recruiting. But if the Board has revived an interest in IT outsourcing and working with ESD, etc., due diligence must be done by someone outside the County. There is a cost, obviously. She has spoken with AOC representative, Todd, and AOC doesn't do that type of thing and he had no recommendations. She wants to know if the Board would like her to begin some additional research into this. Commissioner Hyde thinks they are looking at possibilities of outsourcing in several areas. He would recommend Jean speak with Phillip Bransford, Washington County IT person. Commissioner Heimuller recalled that last year we visited with LCOG, who did some work for us and we might dust that off. Jean stated she would need to do two recruitments, as Gloria's position will probably be filled on a promotional basis, that position would need to be replaced. Both positions would start at the first step, pulling some money out of IT. Commissioner Fisher inquired about getting a temp in that position if the County was going to consider outsourcing. Jean has never found anyone to work as a temp for these IT positions. It takes a 3-to-6 month time period to train and get them up to speed. Commissioner Heimuller agreed it would be better to hire a temp and not put them on salary and benefits if they are looking at outsourcing. Jean can certainly look, but highly doubts she will be successful. She believes in

regionalization, but you still need bodies at the courthouse with their hands on the computer. Perhaps management of IT can be regionalized. Jean believes the discussions need to start at the Board level. Commissioner Fisher appreciates Jean bringing the options to them, and encourages Jean to continue looking into temporary staffing and outsourcing. Jean will contact the temp agency and try to locate some talented temporary staff. If the Board approves the recruitment, she will definitely try to fill the lower level with a temporary worker. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Jean to advertise for the soon to be vacated IT Supervisor and IT Tech positions. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde has decided to refrain from commenting. He is still reeling from Kinder Morgan's announcement. It is very important to keep looking at all industrial sites that are available. Columbia County is in the catbirds seat with potential to river development and we need to continue to look for opportunities.

Last Wednesday he was at a meeting to recall the "14" on urban renewal issues. The environmental folks admitted that in the last 25 years they never tried to understand the issues, and now they are better understanding them. The Governor still fully believes that they should continue to pursue the house bill and move toward resolution of the federal forest house bill. The group of 8 environmentalist at the table really do seem to be making an effort to understand the issues, and he appreciates it.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher pointed out that in talking about livability, it is not hugging a tree. It is being able to provide food for your family, to support your neighbors. Watching fish swim is a secondary item. Our responsibility is to provide the best possible livability we can. Kinder Morgan provided a good service. There are practical things that can be done starting now.

He is meeting tomorrow regarding driver's training, which has only been available be in Scappoose. He will be meeting Friday with the Speaker of the House to talk about the Learning Council, which is needed with all the resource cuts. There is no way to tax our way out of this.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Spent some time in Curry County and attended a presentation from the Commissioner of Josephine County on their plight. He is really glad to hear that the environmentalists are now starting to understand. The Fair conference was great and our county is really moving forward and being recognized for that, and we will now hold the next spring conference. He will be attending the transit meeting in Astoria tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting and reconvened at 12:00 noon with all present.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting back to order.

MEETING WITH CCMH DIRECTOR:

The Board met with Roland Migchielsen, CCMH Director, for general discussion on the various issues related to the mental health program. No action needed.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th st day of May, 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

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Cynthia Zemaitis

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner