

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 15, 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 meeting minutes were held over one week.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

*Dean Cox, 27143 Eversole Lane, Scappoose:* Dean was present for a status update on the proposal for the local Humane Society taking over the daily operations of the animal control program. We are coming up on the end of the fiscal year and there are some uncertainties about the Sheriff's budget who funds animal control. Another kink is that the City of St. Helens no longer has a code enforcement officer. It's possible all of these services can be combined but they would have to contribute some funding to the program.

At this time, it was determined that there will definitely need to be more discussions with all of the parties.

**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 5/13/13.
- (B) Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement for Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic, July 13-14, 2013 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement for Hood-to-Coast Walk Relay, Portland-to-Coast Walk Relay and the Portland-to-Coast High School Challenge Relay, August 23-24, 2013 and authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (D) Amendment #19 to the 2011-2013 IGA #134305 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL:**

Jan Kenna, CCCCCF Director, was present to discuss the request by the Oregon Early Learning Council for the County to send them a letter that can either extend funding for Healthy Start and the Flexible Funding or that the county is no longer willing to receive those funds. There are still a lot of unknowns about the funding of the ELC program. Back in January, the Board received a recommendation from the members of the Columbia County Commission Children & Families that if the County was given the opportunity to apply for the transition extension funds for 2013-2015, the Board would do so and the Board responded positively. The letter is now before the Board for official action.

Discussion was held on the amount of uncertainties here, the administrative costs, reporting requirements, etc., the Board stills sees no choice other than to move forward with this. After agreeing that Jan Kenna should be the contract person on this matter, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to accept the funding for Healthy Start and the Flexible Funds by letter and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **FEMA TRAILERS:**

Sarah Hanson had previously spoke with the Board regarding the Unmet Needs Committee's request on what to do with the FEMA trailer. Staff has done some research and found that there are some restrictions on what these trailers can and cannot be used for. The requirements are strict in that the only location to site a FEMA trailer for residential purposes is in a trailer park. Dan Brown is asking for a decision on the disposal of these trailers because there is a monthly space fee. Dan was approached by a contractor who is willing take them for free and remove them. Sarah hasn't seen anything that says we can't sell them but will do some additional research on that. Commissioner Fisher wonders if Community Action Team might be able to use them for residential housing in a trailer park. Commissioner Heimuller asked Jim Tierney about that who had some concerns with the formaldehyde issues. However, if they can be used for housing, he will re-approach Jim on that. After discussion, it was determined that staff should check into the issues/rules/requirements of selling the trailers, donating to CAT for placement in a trailer court, declaring them surplus and possibly auctioning them off. These are the things need to be determined before making a decision on the disposal of the trailers. It is the hope that this matter can be resolved within a month.

#### **PROCLAIM MAY 19-25, 2013 AS "EMS WEEK":**

Commissioner Heimuller read a proclamation into the record and, with that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to proclaim May 19-25, 2013 at "*Emergency Medical Services Week*". The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde attended the COLPAC meeting last week in Astoria. Art Fish was the speaker and talked about incentives for industrial/commercial growth and the number of programs that the State is offering.

On Monday, he was in Salem for the AOC legislative meeting and reported on the discussions and debates on HB 352 that would allow State agencies to automatically register citizens as voters. There would be an expense to the counties, many of who are not in support of this bill.

Yesterday, he attended the HSEMC meeting with our new Emergency Management Director.

Catherine Mater and the Pinchot Institute were in Vernonia last night to give an update on their healthy forest project and for a showing of the PBS special that was broadcast nationwide on this project that was centered in Columbia County.

Tomorrow he will be attending an O&C meeting to discuss the house bill and potential senate movement with regards to federal forests.

Saturday is 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Loggers Memorial and small logging show at Camp 18.

He will be in Arizona next week for the NACo Western Interstate Regional meeting.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher had a conversation last Friday with Secretary State Brown on HB 3521, regarding voters registration, and the lack of manpower on the county level to do this.

While in Salem, he also met with the Speaker of the House on the ELC program. This, Commissioner Fisher feels, is a complete disaster. It will be interesting what happens with this. There is still no decision on the flex funds, which is about \$5.5 to \$6 million. Even if we apply, not sure there will be anything to apply for. There are too many side issues and no one knows where the money is going.

He then met with Representative Brad Witt on economic development and the needs in Columbia County.

On Thursday he met with St. Helens schools on putting together the drivers education program.

A reminder that Sacagawea health clinic is having their annual fundraiser this Saturday and the Clatskanie Elementary School is also having their dinner auction on Saturday.

He met with the Rainier Chamber of Commerce and he will just say that there appears to be a difference of opinion between the members and the City of Rainier on economic development.

He wanted to mention that there is a statewide project under way to build a WWII memorial. It finds it amazing that Oregon is one of 6 states in the nation that does not have a WWII memorial. The memorial would be placed on the grounds of the State Capital. More information can be found on their website.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller attended the NWACT meeting last week. He and Shirley Kalkoven will be representing the NWACT on the upcoming STIP project selection panel. May 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first brush with the list of projects. There is little money and a lot of needs.

He attended the Public Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Salem this week. He represents AOC on rural transit. There has been a lot of restructuring on this committee with ODOT and the OTC trying to make it a more effective and efficient process.

A reminder that Fair planning meetings continue every Saturday. They have a very engaged Fair Board who is working hard on putting together the 98<sup>th</sup> annual Fair. In partnership with 4H, they held their big fairgrounds cleanup last Saturday. Also a shout out to our Rodeo Committee who, in partnership with the Fair Board, just purchased \$49,000 worth of bucking chutes and those are being installed by volunteers.

Another shout out to the kids of this county. He is a Shriner and one of the big fundraisers they do for sponsoring Shrine hospitals is the east/west football games. This is done throughout the county and Oregon's is held in Baker City every year. They take

the top student football player and coach them throughout the year for the big game in August. He was proud to say that 5 of those players this year are from Columbia County.

**SALLY NORBOM:**

The Board expressed their sadness at the loss of an incredible lady, Sally Norbom. Sally was a very selfless person who dedicated countless volunteer hours to this county. She spent many years sitting as an RSVP volunteer at the information desk at the Courthouse helping, not only the public, but any department that needed help. She will be missed by so many and our prayers and thoughts go out to her surviving family.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:**

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

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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