

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 26, 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:**

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2013 Budget Hearing; June 19, 2013 Budget Hearing; June 19, 2013 Board meeting; and June 19, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Thelma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren:*** Thelma read that the Board may be going out for a Jail levy this year. She is here to say that she will not support that levy. Everyone is getting tired of paying for a jail when people should know to stay out of trouble. She would rather see the money go to CC Rider. She can't say enough good about that program and their staff and they should be paid better. Commissioner Heimuller clarified that the drivers are provided by a contractor and are not county employees.

***Pam Benham, County Elections Office:*** It has come to her attention that there is a line item in the Clerks budget for a .49 part time position. Pam spoke with both Betty Huser and Jean Ripa on this and, it appears that Betty was only requesting a .1 part time

position. Pam asked if the Board could move the difference between the two over to the Elections Department to increase her position. The Board and Sarah explained that this would be something the Department Head would need to decide, not the Board.

*Darrell Whipple, 76439 Alston Mayger Road, Rainier:* He is here to request that when the Board schedules the public hearing on the re-zoning of property at Port Westward, they hold that hearing in the evening and in Clatskanie to allow more participation. The Board would agree that those hearings will be held in the evening and possibly on site.

### 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 6/24/13.
- (B) Order No. 23-2013, "In the Matter of Adopting Findings of Feasibility for Use of the County's Personnel and Resources to Operate Columbia County Rider Transit".
- (C) Order No. 25-2013, (Initiating/Finalizing Vacation Proceedings), "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of OP Cheldelin County Road No. 39, a Portion of Alfred Parkinen County Road No. P-240, and All of Thomas Enneberg County Road No. P-215 Near to Vernonia, OR [ForesTree GM LLC and Longview Timberlands]".
- (D) Resolution No. 28-2013, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes".
- (E) Order No. 29-2013, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Forest Trust Land Revenues [2013 Distribution]".
- (F) Order No. 30-2013, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds Under ORS 275.275 [2013 Distribution: Gas & Land Sales]".
- (G) Order No. 31-2013, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2013 Distribution: Mist Gas Field Revenues/Impact]".

- (H) Order No. 32-2013, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2013 Distribution: Mist Gas Field Revenues/Impact]".
- (I) Order No. 33-2013, "In the Matter of Declaring a Financial Exigency and Establishing a Furlough Schedule for Fiscal Year 2013-2014".
- (J) Approve Memorandum to Jennifer Cuellar regarding Review and Determination of Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District's June 5, 2013 Request for Reimbursement, Certificate and Cost Bill.
- (K) Approve Memorandum to Jennifer Cuellar regarding Review and Determination of Mist Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District's June 6, 2013 Request for Reimbursement, Certificate and Cost Bill.
- (L) Declaration of Surplus: IT, Commission on Children & Families and Emergency Management.
- (M) Approve the Clatskanie and Rainier Parade applications for a CC Rider vehicle to participate in the parades and authorize the Chair to sign.  
**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**
- (N) Rental Agreement with Karen Roberts & Shawna Frazier for Scappoose RV Park.
- (O) Amendment #6 to the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team for Veterans' Services.
- (P) Public Services Contract with Columbia Humane Society for Operation of the Holsheimer-Lamar Memorial Animal Shelter.
- (Q) Contract with the First Transit for CC Rider Transit Operations and Preventative Maintenance.
- (R) Personal Services Contract with Dean Anderson for GIS Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Last Wednesday, Commissioner Hyde met with the O&C Executive Board and Senator Wyden's staff on the DeFazio bill. There was some good input but surprised at the lack of knowledge on this issue by their staff.

Commissioner Hyde talked briefly about the Helium Act. The federal government found that helium is at an all time shortage and our federal lands produce the bulk of it. The Helium Act, if passed, would provide some significant revenue dollars to local government and could mean \$400,000 -500,000 to Columbia County.

On Friday, he attended the Koffee Klatch at the old Ace Hardware store. This store is putting people to work.

He reminded all that Nancy Harwood, RSVP Director, is retiring this Friday after many years of running this program and we all wish her the best.

He mentioned that Wauna Federal Credit Union is opening a new facility.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**EOC PROJECT DISCUSSION:**

The Board met with Renate Garrison, Jeanine Dilley, Jay Tappen, Mark Kreutzer, and Al Peterson to report back on their findings since the meeting held last week. Jeanine did some research on the utility concerns and CRPUD informed her that power would not be tapping into the 911 vault. With regards to the phone lines, they also would not be tapping into the 911 vault either, they would simply go into the main vault on McNulty. So her concerns with the utilities have been addressed. As for the gate issue, that will be discussed at the 911 Board meeting tomorrow.

Jay Tappen used visuals to layout the area, buildings and the space for future add ons. CRF&R needs to hold a Board meeting to declare the property surplus, then they can move forward to deliberate on the transfer of property. Because of the tight timeline, Sarah explained that Renate will need to request an extension from the bidder for an additional 30 days. Sarah will talk with Nina at Ticor Title to work on getting the documents prepared.

Some additional discussion was held on the layout of the building, design changes and setbacks.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator