

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 31, 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 Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013 Board meeting and July 24, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

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 7/29/13.
- (B) Personnel Action for Jan Kenna.

- (C) Appoint Sandy Tetz to the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee for a (4) year term.
- (D) Ratify Application to Receive Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) funding for FY 2013-14.
- (E) Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 1442, effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

The motion carried unanimously.

LIFE JACKET STATION:

Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, was present to discuss the proposed Eagle Scout project for a Life Jacket Station to be located in the lower courthouse parking lot. There are still some unanswered questions regarding the exact location, plans for the building, supply of the life jackets, etc. Before this moves forward, Scout Danny Romjue, will also need to enter into a license agreement with the county to specify the responsibility and maintenance of the structure. That agreement will need to be in place prior to the project moving forward. Commissioner Heimuller understood Sue Nelson to say that the City of St. Helens was going to take some responsibility for the project. Bill Potter spoke with Sue Nelson, city employee, who stated that this is not a city project and she was simply helping the boy scout. Robin thinks it makes sense for the city to be involved because this is a city dock and a city sidewalk that leads to the dock. Robin will contact Sue Nelson to iron out the details before any action by the Board.

CHANGE ORDERS ON EOC FACILITY PROJECT:

Vincent Aarts, Emergency Services, presented the Board with 2 changes order for the EOC facility project. There 2 priorities are 1) a training space for the Columbia River Fire &

Rescue and 2) office space for FEMA. The solution for this is to have sturdy sliding walls installed to create two office spaces. This would come at an additional cost of \$26,293.00. There is also a change order of \$8,700 is for some other additions as listed. The schedule to start construction on this project is now about 3 weeks past due so a decision on these change orders should be made as soon as possible. Once approved, Bill will issue the notice to proceed. The Board has some financial questions and concerns so the matter was tabled until 11:30 a.m. today.

REQUEST TO FILL BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER POSITION:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to request authorization to fill the upcoming vacant Building Services Manager position. As the Board is aware, Bill Potter is retiring, effective 12/31/13. Todd would like to get an early start on recruitment to fill that position due to the challenges in finding the mix of skills and certifications necessary for this position. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize Todd Dugdale to recruit and fill the Building Services Manager position. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

First - hats off to Commissioner Heimuller for all of his hard work on the recent "incident" at the Courthouse and to all others involved.

Last week, he attended the annual NACo conference in Fort Worth, Texas. There were some major topics of discussion that effects Columbia County, i.e. bonding for public entities, SRS and PILT funding. One issue that will hit hard is the incredibly high rate

increase for flood insurance. It could mean an average of \$400 or more on a monthly mortgage payment. He can foresee a lot of foreclosures in the future as a result of this because people simply cannot afford that amount of increase. He will keep the Board updated on all of these issues.

Reminder that the Vernonia Jamboree is this coming weekend.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher commented on the outstanding work over the past few days by Commissioner Heimuller and staff during the recent incident at the Courthouse. Job well done. This brought to light our dependency on electronics, especially with recording deeds, marriage licenses, obtaining building permits, paying property taxes, etc. Kudos to the staff for being so creative in getting work done and to the public for their patience.

On Friday, he attended the Koffee Klatch in Vernonia and had the opportunity to talk with members of the public on some issues facing Columbia County.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also wanted to Jean Ripa, Todd Dugdale, IT staff, STAR & ServPro Cleaning, Willard Duct Cleaning Service and all of those who moved so quickly to get things cleaned up and running. Also thanks to KOHI for getting the word out about the courthouse closure and Janet Wright for her PIO work.

The Board recessed the meeting and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with all present.

CHANGE ORDERS ON EOC FACILITY PROJECT:

After review of the change orders, there was Board consensus to add the movable partitions as proposed in Change Order 2 and to include only the 2 junction boxes for the exterior flood lights and the increase of the server room size in Change Order 1. Bill Potter was directed to contact Modern Building Systems to revise the Change Orders and remove the markup costs if possible and bring them back to the Board for consideration.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 31st day of July, 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: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner