

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 23, 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, Assistant 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 October 16, 2013 Board meeting and October 16, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

2ND READING: ORDINANCE #2013-3 - AMENDING HSEMC ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2013-3. With no objection by the Board, Sarah gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2013-3, by title only. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-3, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commissioner Ordinance to Appoint Members by Motion". The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this ordinance will become final 90 days after adoption.

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 10/21/13.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Jan Greenhalgh.
- (C) Ratify authorization to fill one Maintenance Mechanic II position in the Facilities Program.
- (D) Appoint James Tierney and Leslie Jerry Keenon to the Chairperson's Pool on the Board of Property Tax Appeals.
- (E) Appoint James Tierney, Bonnie Baldwin Leslie Jerry Keenon and Richard Larsen to the Non-Office-Holding Pool on the Board of Property Tax Appeals.
- (F) Appoint Russell Clark to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term.
- (G) Order No. 49-2013, "In the Matter of Reimbursing Public Agencies in Columbia County for the Cost Impacts of the Hood-to-Coast Relay and Returning Remaining Deposit".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #4802 with the Oregon Department of Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) State Homeland Security Program Grant #13-208 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for EOC Security Enhancements and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (K) Emergency Management Performance Grant #13-305 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR NEW EOC EASEMENT:

Bill Potter, explained that the City of St. Helens is requiring some documentation that we have an easement and shared parking arrangements with Columbia 911 for the new EOC center prior to issuing a building permit. Sarah further explained that rather than amending the easement, which could slow down the construction of the project, the city would accept a letter signed by both parties acknowledging they are in agreement with Condition 3.e of the Conditional Use Permit. After some review and discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the letter of agreement between Columbia County and CRF&R related to condition 3.e. of the Conditional Use Permit for the new EOC facility. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the significant amount of testimony the Board is reviewing with regards to the Port of St. Helens application.

On Thursday, he was in Eugene for the O&C meeting where they discussed the potential for some positive legislation coming out of the Senate.

On Monday, he attended the executive meeting of the Columbia County Economic Team to talk about that agenda and awards for the annual meeting and generally where we're at with economic development.

Also on Monday, he attended the first PCC Presidents Advisory Committee meeting in Portland. He is very encouraged and impressed with this group and their perspective shows Columbia County is definitely on this list of new centers to be developed.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended a GOBHI meeting on Thursday in Astoria. This is the mental health provider for our group. The State has provided more money for mental health services, but they are putting that out as competitive grants, so there was a great deal of discussion about applying for the grants as a group or individual counties, which would basically be competing against each other.

He attended the Koffee Klatch last Friday hosted by Emmert Motors.

On Monday he was in Portland attending a CCO meeting. He was glad to report that our CCO is still financially viable. They are going through the process to see exactly what types of things they can do to intervene in the health care area to bring down the costs.

On Tuesday he attended a ROCN meeting in Portland - a group that was formed to fight drugs. After 16 years, the federal funding has been withdrawn and the ROCN program has now been dissolved.

Last night he attended the CCMH Board meeting. They are the agency that provides mental health services in our community.

Today the County Museum is holding an open house starting at 11:00 am. He encouraged everyone to stop by to view all of the great work done by this very active committee.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the busy work related to the Jail Levy, questions about tax bills and the large amount of reading materials for the POSH application.

He recently met with two of the Fair Board members to go over the numbers and he is very pleased to report that the ending totals for the 2013 Fair indicate approximately \$121,000 to the good - this is an increase from last years total of \$111,000. That also included the first \$26,000 payment to the County on a 3 year old loan. He stressed that this was done with all volunteer labor who put a lot of time and sweat into event. He also noted that the money that came into our local economy during this event was almost \$250,000. A huge kudos to the Fair Board and volunteers.

Along those lines, Columbia County will be hosting the 2014 Oregon Fairs Association Spring Conference at the fairgrounds for the first time ever. That is anticipated to bring in around 300 people - so that too will be a big economic factor.

AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF VERNONIA FOR FEMA TRAILER:

Sarah briefly reviewed the details of the agreement with the City of Vernonia for their acceptance of one of the FEMA trailers being donated by the county. After review and

discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the agreement with the City of Vernonia for the surplus FEMA trailer as described, with the insertion of the surplus order number. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of October, 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

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner