

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 30, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 October 23, 2013 Board meeting and October 23, 2013 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the October 2, 2013 Board meeting were held over for one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Barbara Aulbach, 27428 Gibb Road, Scappoose: She has been a kennel owner since about 1975 and has always tried to be a good neighbor. Those who have kennels have had to jump through a lot of hoops for their licenses. Because she has not reviewed the ordinances before the Board today, she cannot comment on them. However, with regards to raising the kennel license fees, if those continue to go up, it will push her out of business.

1ST READING OF ORD 2013-4 - RABIES VACCINATION REPORTING ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-4, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Rabies Vaccination Reporting Ordinance". With no objection by the Board, Robin gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-4, by title only. The second reading will be held in two weeks, on November 13, 2013.

1ST READING OF ORD 2013-5 - AMENDING KENNEL ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-5, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Kennel Ordinance to Comply with Senate Bill 6 and to Clarify and Modify Standards and Procedures". With no objection by the Board, Robin gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-5, by title only. The second reading will be held in two weeks, on November 13, 2013.

HEARING: AMEND FEES FOR COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending Fees for the Columbia County Animal Control Services". Robin reviewed the changes to the fees.

Roger Kadell, Animal Control Officer, was present to give the staff report.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Barbara Albach, 27428 Gibb Road, Scappoose: She wanted to reaffirm her objection to the increase in fees and the partiality to some who board.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Order 47-2013, "In the Matter of Amending Fees for Columbia County Animal Control Services". The motion carried unanimously.

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 10/28/13.
- (B) Order No. 48-2013, "In the Matter of Establishing Specific Fines for Certain Violations of the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance Concerning Dogs".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Public Goods/Services Contract with Mark Kuhn for auction services.
- (D) Public Services Contract with Black Box Network Services for Emergency Operations Center Phone Service.
- (E) Amendment #1 to Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Columbia County Legal Aid.
- (F) Grant Agreement No. L13AC00233 with Bureau of Land Management for the Crown-Zellerbach Trail - Hawkins Creek Bridge and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

RAINIER TRANSIT CENTER SITE REDEVELOPMENT:

Janet Wright, CC Rider, presented a Project Request Form for the Rainier Transit Center Site Redevelopment. This project has been reviewed by the committee, with the exception of the Finance Director, and those committee comments are attached. After review and discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to

authorize the Transit Director to submit the funding application for the Rainier Transit Center Site Redevelopment. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED AND RESTATED IGA FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Sarah Hanson was present on behalf of Vincent Aarts to answer any questions on the Amended and Restated IGA for Emergency Services. This agreement, which has been ongoing, terminated as of June 30th. The County has been negotiating with all of the various partners about the terms of the agreement and the current document now before the Board is from the HSEM Committee. Sarah understands that all of their attorneys have reviewed it and are in favor with moving forward with the agreement. Sarah briefly went over the substantive changes from past agreements. She will need direction from the Board to finalize the document to get it out to all agencies for signature before final approval by the Board. Commissioner Heimuller expressed his concerns with the section on EOC staffing and the County having to consult with HSEM before making any monetary changes in our emergency management department. After a great deal of discussion, Sarah stated that she would look into that language and make changes and/or additions if necessary to address those concerns. Because of the funding issue, this is somewhat time sensitive. With those concerns being addressed, the Board directed Sarah to move forward to finalize the IGA for all partner agency signatures.

CONSTRUCTION ASSURANCES FOR VERNONIA SENIOR CENTER:

Sarah received a call from Dan Brown, CAT, who is trying to get the funding package approved for the Vernonia Senior Center which is in the process of being reviewed by FEMA. It appears that FEMA is now requiring a form signed by the County before approving the funding package. So there is no delay in this, Dan is requesting the County sign the form. Sarah has reviewed the document and would recommend approval.

With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Construction Assurances for FMA13 Vernonia Senior Center Acquisition Project. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT #A1 TO CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Commissioner Fisher explained that the Amendment to the contract with the Department of Education needs to be approved soon because the funding Jan Kenna has applied for will not be paid until the State receives this document. Sarah stated that the amendment is not yet ready for approval and explained the details as to why she would not recommend approval at this time.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde took some time last week to vacation with family.

He reported that Senator Merkley and others introduced a Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act yesterday and hopefully that will bring sense to the affordability of flood insurance.

He wanted to mention that the county has lost one of our own. A long time employee Rick Katterman has passed away. He will be sorely, sorely missed.

Commissioner Heimuller also commented on Rick's passing and would entertain a motion that on November 8th, flags at all county buildings be flown as half mast, not only to honor Rick's service to the county but also his service to this country in the army reserves.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde approved that motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hyde mentioned that the Board will be attending a reception in Portland for the President of Portland Community College.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also commented on the flood insurance and the significant rate increases. Now those law makers in Washington are seeing how their decisions effect real people and are now scrambling to try to fix it.

He had the opportunity to meet with some of the jail staff regarding the Jail Operating Levy. The staff are doing the best they can do with what they have, but the reality is, if people don't vote for this levy, we won't have a jail.

He met with the "A" Street Group in Rainier on the question of what to do with the rail system in Rainier. This group is working with the railroad, the Governor's office and ODOT there should be some positive changes in the next couple of years.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported that our new EOC building arrives on Friday and he will be down there for that.

He has also met with the jail deputies on the Jail Operating Levy. He participated in a phone bank reached out to about 1,200 voters and his take on it as positive. He appreciates all of those understand situation and working to educate the public on this measure.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAXES:

Sue Martin, County Assessor, came before the Board to give a short presentation on property taxes, values, increases, etc. Property taxes are changing and she explained why some property taxes are going up more than 3%.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th 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: _____

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Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner