

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 29, 2014

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Susan Conn, St. Helens: She would request that the Board put another jail operating levy on the ballot this upcoming May. She, along with a group of others, are willing to gathering signatures if necessary. Commissioner Fisher stated that if there is enough interest out there, he would be supportive of another operating levy.

Donna Nyberg, St. Helens: She is here to support Susan Conn's request for a Jail operating levy.

Darrell Whipple, 76439 Alston Mayger Road, Rainier. He is here because of the action taken by the Democratic Cental Committee meeting last night. The Committee passed a

resolution against unsafe oil transport through Columbia County. Darrell gave some details addressed in the resolution and submitted a copy to the Board for their review.

2nd READING OF ORD 2014-1 - POSH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-1. With no objections, Sarah gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-1, “In the Matter of the Application by the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Goal 2 Exception to Change the Zoning of 957 Acres from Primary Agriculture to Resource Industrial- Planned Development for the Expansion of Port Westward (Application No. PA 13-02 & ZC 13-01)”, by title only.

With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-1, “In the Matter of the Application by the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Goal 2 Exception to Change the Zoning of 957 Acres from Primary Agriculture to Resource Industrial- Planned Development for the Expansion of Port Westward (Application No. PA 13-02 & ZC 13-01)”. The motion carried unanimously.

1st READING OF ORD 2014-2 - ESTABLISH COMMISSION ON CHILDREN/FAMILIES:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-2. As way of background, Sarah explained that the State of Oregon officially abolished the Commission on Children & Families program and, in wanting to continue the program, the Board has directed staff to prepare an ordinance to establish this Commission as an advisory committee to the Board. The draft is now before the Board and, if no objections, she will give the first reading of the ordinance, by title only.

With no objections, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-2, “In the Matter of Adopting an Ordinance Establishing the Commission on Children and Families”, by title only. The second reading will be held on February 12, 2014.

AUDIT REPORT BY MATT GRAVES - PAULY ROGERS:

Matt Graves, Pauly Rogers, came before the Board along with Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, to report the findings of the Columbia County Fiscal Year 2013 Audit. Matt summarized the audit process and findings and stated that the county was issued a clean opinion on this audit. The Board thanked both Matt, for his hard work on this audit and Jennifer and staff for working so well with getting Matt the information required.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With no additions/changes, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 1/27/14.
- (B) Order No. 3-2014, "In the Matter of Acquiring Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easements for the Bridge Improvements at JP West Road".
- (C) 2014 Social Gaming License for the St. Helens Moose Lodge #591.
- (D) Title III Project Certification Forms for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Oregon Department of Forestry under the Community Wildfire Protection Plan in the amount of \$25,332.32, approved by Order No. 6-2012 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Title III Project Certification Forms for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District under Firewise Community Program in the amount of \$97,644.47, approved by Order No. 6-2012 and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (F) Title III Project Certification Form for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Columbia County Forest, Parks & Recreation Department's Hawkins Creek project under Search, Rescue, Firefighting or Other Emergency Services, in the amount of \$41,052.31, approved by Order No. 51-2013 and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #5 to the Contract with Aramark to Provide Food, Commissary and Laundry Services to the Columbia County Jail and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Utility Easement for Columbia River People's Utility District at the Columbia County Fairgrounds and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Accept the Warranted Deed from Columbia River People's Utility District for a Portion of Property at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.
- (J) Dedication Deed from Michael J. Sills for Right-of-Way Adjoining JP West Road.
- (K) Temporary Construction Easement from Michael J. Sills for the Bridge Improvement Project at JP West Road.
- (L) Dedication Deed from Buxton Family Investments for Right-f-Way Adjoining JP West Road.
- (M) Warranty Deed from Gerald Griswold for Property Adjoining JP West Road.
- (N) Temporary Construction Easement from Gerald Griswold for the Bridge Improvement Project at JP West Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last Thursday, Commissioner Hyde was in Gold Beach to attend the O&C Board meeting. While there, he was joined by Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Fisher for a two

day law enforcement summit. Also attending were many other county Commissioners, Sheriff's, District Attorneys, Judges, the Attorney General and others in talk about public safety throughout the State as Jails and even some counties face closure. There was some very good discussion and realizations. Another meeting will be scheduled within the next 90 days.

Yesterday he attended the annual meeting of the Columbia County Economic Team Board. They hear a very good report from Director Chuck Daughtry and Commission Hyde is very pleased in the direction we're headed. We need to keep strong on our needs and issues for economic development.

He also attended the Regional Solutions Team meeting. The Governor is looking at a process to align State agencies around our local issues when needed for an economic development project.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher commented that the Board has the ultimate roll of providing safety to our county. Rather it's rail cars carrying oil or prisoners being released - the safety is the most important roll of the Commissioners. This was discussed at the summit last week and it's clear that Columbia County is not the only county suffering these issues.

There is a town hall being held tomorrow night at the old Clatskanie Middle School at 6:00 pm to discuss the potential Jail closure. It would be nice to see a big turnout for that discussion.

He attended a luncheon yesterday at Sacagawea. This is a school based health care program and they are raising money to support the program by selling hearts. He encouraged people to buy one.

Commissioner Fisher wanted to congratulate Clatskanie resident and business owner Mike Seely, Seely Mints, who just recently signed a contract with Whole Foods for his mint product.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

In addition to the many meetings and events he attended with the other Commissioners, he also attended the Executive Committee meeting for the Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance, on which he sits as a Board member.

A few weeks ago, there was public comment made on concerns with regards to the safety of the McNulty Creek rail bridge in St. Helens. He passed that concern on to the railroad and in 2 days, the federal government had an inspector on site. After a thorough inspection, he gave it a thumbs up and stated that it is adequate and appropriate for its use. It was also pointed out that all of the bridges along that line are subject to a preventative maintenance schedule and inspected on a regular basis.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened in the Commissioner's Office at 12:00 noon with Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Fisher present.

MEETING WITH NW INNOVATION WORKS:

The Board met with Murray Godley, Joe Smith and Brian Little to discuss NW Innovation Works bid to build a methanol plant at Port Westward. No action was taken.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th day of January, 2014.

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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner