

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 5, 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 Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 Board meeting and January 29, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

None.

1st READING OF ORD 2014-3 - CITY OF SCAPPOOSE WATER LINE EXTENSION:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-3. With no objections, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-3, "In the Matter of the Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to Allow the City of Scappoose Water Line Extension on Certain Resource Zoned Land and to Adopt the Service Area Map for Dutch Canyon Water Line (TA 13-01)", by title only. The second reading was set for February 19, 2013 at or after 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 2/3/14.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Autumn Woods Pendergrass.

The motion carried unanimously.

IGA WITH POLK COUNTY FOR JAIL BED RENTAL:

Sarah Hanson reviewed the recent discussions on what to do with our inmates should the Jail close. Sheriff Dickerson has been negotiating with Polk County to rent a specific number of beds. The terms of the MOU would be for Columbia County to rent 10 beds at \$65/per day, with the ability to rent 2 additional beds at a higher rate, upon availability. The MOU is written to become effective April 1, 2014 but can be changed to another date, however there is a requirement that Polk County is given a 30 day Notice of Intent prior to the start date.

Commissioner Fisher asked Counsel if it is at the discretion of the Sheriff or the Commissioners to enter into this MOU. Sarah explained that the Board would have to approve this MOU and, if not, would need to find other alternatives. Sarah stated that, as an option, negotiations are currently in the works with Norco in the Dalles for bed space. Sarah is still working on that agreement.

She noted that the Polk County Sheriff has approved the MOU as to form and she would recommend approval at this time. After some discussion, there was Board consensus to carry this matter over one week.

HERMO ROAD MOU:

The Board has recently discussed the need to get the Hermo Road project underway and has been approached by all of the parties involved with an MOU that would basically support the concept of moving forward with the road improvements, if and when funding is available. Sarah has provided the Board with a draft MOU that was prepared by the attorneys for Global's and has been approved by all parties and their attorneys. After a brief review of the agreement details, Sarah would recommend approval.

Mike Seely 18865 Hermo Road, Clatskanie: Mike has talked with Global and PGE, but he has yet to hear back from the Port of St. Helens regarding Seely's use of Hermo Road. Commissioner Hyde stated that Hermo is a public road and wouldn't be a Port issue. Sarah clarified that, although it is a public road, the Board has given authorization for a gate to be installed. The Board felt this is an issue that needs to be addressed if and when the road improvements are made.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding in support of the Hermo Road Project by and between Columbia County, the Port of St. Helens, PGE and Cascade Kelly Holdings, LLC, subject to the completion of the Notice Section and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem on Thursday working on HB2620, to finally memorialize in statute, the concept of regional solutions and the collation of State agencies around regional solution projects.

After that meeting, he headed to Clatskanie for the evening town hall on the Jail situation. This has been the most attended so far, with a lot of good questions coming from public. By the end of the night, there appeared to be overwhelming support to give the 3 year levy another chance. More town halls will be scheduled.

On Monday, the Board was in Salem attending various AOC steering committees. People sometimes wonder why the Board spends time in Salem - as an example, there is a ludicrous bill out there that would require interior designers to be established, housed and employed in each and every fabrication company, such as Pacific Stainless, throughout the State. It's simply ridiculous and he will be down in Salem to testimony against this bill next week.

He attended the CEPA meeting yesterday and thinks it was the most populated he has seen that meeting.

On Friday, he will be attending the Regional Disaster Preparedness meeting, which he chairs. This is a 5 county group that deals specifically with emergency management issues.

Lastly, he wants to give a special shout out to Community Action Team who administers our VA services. They recently applied for an outreach grant for the VA program and found out yesterday that it was approved and a check has been received for a little over \$41,000 to expand this program.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. They heard a response from the State, ODOT, and representatives from the railroad about the concerns brought before the Board a few weeks ago about the safety of the McNulty Creek rail bridge in St. Helens. Another topic addressed was that with the weather being very dry, people need to pay attention to potential forest fires.

On Friday, he met with a representative from CIS about their investments, which in turn effects our insurance policies.

He was in Salem on Monday for AOC on some very major issues, i.e. marijuana, dispensaries, etc.

The Board and Sheriff held a Jail town hall meeting in Clatskanie last week. This is the most important issue facing this county today. If our Jail closes, it will basically invite crime to the area. He can't stress enough that, if there is no money, there is no Jail.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller expounded on those who come to the Board meetings and town halls and that there are a few that have taken the time to come into the office and review

the County budget and are listening to the realities. He wants to thank those who take the time to be informed.

He attended the Veterans Stand Down Event at the Fairgrounds and understands there was double the turnout from last year, which is awesome. It was sponsored by CAT and many, many volunteers, with CC Rider providing transportation and Sunshine Pizza donating the food.

He was in Salem last Monday for AOC meetings. He often hears the question of why the Board spends so much time in Salem. It's because this Board is the local contact for the legislation and there are some serious issues that effect this county.

He reported that the Rainier Senior Center had some serious water issues from the cold weather in December, approximately \$45,000 damage in broken water pipes. Luckily it was insured and they just reopened last week.

He will be headed to Warrenton tomorrow for a NOHA meeting and then will be spending the weekend at the Special Districts conference in Seaside.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of February, 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: _____

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Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner