

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 14, 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, Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 May 7, 2014 Board meeting May 7, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Chuck Jauron, 2405 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens: Chuck was present to discuss issues with regards to the racing track currently located at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. As some background, the racing association has been around here since the 1920's and holding races at the fairgrounds since 1985. Now, the CRPUD has taken over 50% of the parking area and the racing association is being squeezed out.

Another issue is that the association can't get more than a 2-3 year contract with the Fair Board. Back 30 years ago, when they thought they were going to get the old fairgrounds back, he and Dan Garrison drew up a plan and the people from Nascar, motocross, etc., said if we put in a 3/8 mile track, they would sign on. Chuck mentioned that anything

over a 3/8 mile track - the safety costs more than double. Nascar and motocross is the fastest growing sport in the US.

To address these issues, Chuck has talked with Keith Forsythe, who owns the Eagle gravel pit on Hanky road, and he has offered to donate his overburden to fill in the old gravel pit in Deer Island to make a new track. Commissioner Hyde noted that the county doesn't own the property in Deer Island - it's a private owner. Chuck was not aware of that but simply here to start a dialog.

The Board felt this is a great idea and agrees they cannot expand at the current location at the fairgrounds. They suggested that Chuck get in contract with Brian Gray of Knife River to start a dialog with him regarding the Knife River property in Deer Island on Highway 30. Chuck will do that and will also continue to be in contact with the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Item B was pulled and held over one week. With no other 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 5/12/14.
- (B) Ratify the Request for Full Reconveyance for John Trent, 910 Riverside Drive, Vernonia, Oregon and authorize the Chair to sign.***(Pulled & Held Over)***
- (C) Cancel May 21, 2014 Board and Staff meetings.
- (D) Order No. 13-2014 (Initiating/Finalizing Vacation Proceedings), "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Jackson Way Located Near Scappoose, Oregon [Brad Weigandt]".

- (E) Order No. 15-2014, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain County Owned Real Property Known as Tax Map ID No. 5N2W36-CO-00900 and Tax Account No. 17597 to Peggy Tarbell, Trustee of the Tarbell Family Revocable Trust.
- (F) Quitclaim Deed to property located at 33349 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens, from Columbia County to Peggy Tarbell, Trustee of the Tarbell Family Revocable Trust and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Kathryn Cotnoir.
- (H) Purchase and Sale Agreement with Peggy Tarbell, Trustee of the Tarbell Family Revocable Living Trust for property at 33349 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Amendment #9 to the 2013-2015 IGA #141405 with Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Personal Services Contract for Audit Services by and between Columbia County and Pauly Rogers and Co. P.C.
- (K) Amendment #1 to Emergency Management Performance Grant #13-505 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Addendum #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement for Columbia County Major Crimes Team and Authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the COLPAC meeting last Thursday in Tillamook. Now that the Regional Strategies process has been approved in statute, COLPAC has more meaning. Then he traveled to Portland for a meeting with the Metro group. They are working to retire the last \$3 million of debt for the new school in Vernonia.

On Friday morning, he was in Portland to participate in the Connect Oregon Region 1 selection committee. Columbia County looks good for projects.

He was in Salem on Monday to attend various AOC meetings. Among other things, they heard reactions from the short legislative session and worked on developing the next budget.

Next week, the Board will be in Anchorage, Alaska attending the NACo Western Interstate Region conference. They will be working hard on securing the rural schools funding.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher reported that the Board took a tour of the PGE project at Port Westward. It's going well and they should be on line as anticipated.

On Saturday, he attended a town hall in Rainier. Senator Johnson and Representative Witt were to discuss various issues, one being the short legislative session.

He was also in Salem on Monday attending the AOC meetings. The Superintendent of the Oregon State Police spoke about public safety in certain area due to budget shortfalls. The State Police simply don't have the manpower to cover the losses.

This morning, he participating in a conference call with the NACo Communications Committee. One of the hot topics discussed was the attempt, on the part of industry, to move from telephone communications using the old copper wiring to a wireless system. They are currently looking a two places in Florida and Alabama for testing.

He mentioned that he is glad to see the full Board of Commissioners participating in the NACo conference because of the tremendous benefits.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also attended the PGE tour at Port Westward and noted the importance of the job creation. During that tour, there were over 450-460 employees working on construction of the new phase and maintenance of the existing facility. These are high paying jobs and it is helping to increase the economics of Clatskanie.

He also attended the town hall meeting Town Hall meeting with Senator Johnson and Representative Witt. He was disappointed with the turnout. Often, people complain about transparency of government, then they don't show up to ask questions.

On Monday, he attended the St. Helens Waterfront Development meeting. He complimented the City of St. Helens for the process they're using to get the word out and the open participation with regards to the plan. The engineers and architects being used are professionals in these types of projects.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th day of May, 2014.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner