

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 28, 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, Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jewel Japs, Recorder.

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 May 14, 2014 Board meeting May 14, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

*Evelyn Hudson and Peg Tarbell*, came before the Board representing a civic organization, the Old Yankton Church Historic Preservation Organization, working to preserve the old Yankton Church. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Evelyn presented the paperwork to the Board for review. They are requesting that the County recognize this organization.

*Richard Melton, Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose*: He has contacted the Seniors with Disabilities Services who are not sure why his outside lights were taken down. No electrical permits were every bought for these lights and he has been continually harassed by the County to purchase an electrical permit. He is fighting for this constitutional rights.

***Paulette Lichatowich, PO Box 439, Columbia City.*** She presented an article from the EugeneWeekly.com regarding Lane County's plan to develop the rural industrial area of Goshen. Mia Nelson, representing the 1,000 Friends of Oregon say the county is going at things backwards. A feasibility study is a good thing "an something that should have happened before the county went running to the State to have Goshen designated a "regionally significant industrial area". Paulette also submitted her written thoughts on SB 766 and the important question to ask the Port of St. Helens regarding the use of SB766. Lastly, she submitted a letter from Bill Eagle, that includes emails and a petition asking the Board to vote "NO" on the resolution that supports the Regionally Significant Industrial Area designation.

***Danner Christensen, 35234 Hazel Street, St. Helens:*** He and his wife are founders of a community group "Vision of Columbia County" who is 61 members strong. They are concerned with the stewardship of the entire county. It appears the county will promote any industry, at any risk. This group is disturbed because there has been no proactive discussions by the elected officials with regards to what's coming down the rail lines. He discussed his concerns about the Global refinery and their oil transfer operations at Port Westward with Commissioner Heimuller on 4/15/14. Commissioner Heimuller stated that a letter has been drafted to Global and the Board is expecting an answer soon.

***Bill Allen, St. Helens:*** With regards to SB766, he doesn't think that the Port of St. Helens has the authority to nominate themselves for the Regionally Significant Industrial Area. Why is the county facilitating something that we should all be running from. With the appeals pending against Port Westward, is it even eligible to be a Regionally Significant Industrial Area?

#### **HEARING: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FY 2013-2014:**

This is the time set for the supplemental hearing on the Columbia County FY 2013-14 budget.

Jennifer Cueller, Finance Director, gave a brief report explaining that the change in the Fair fund and Transit fund (because they are awaiting a large grant) exceeds 10% and therefore requires a supplemental budget hearing. If approved, she will prepare the Resolution for the next agenda.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the supplemental budget for FY 2013-14 and directed staff to prepare the resolution for formal action next week. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Item (B) was pulled and held over. 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 5/19/14 & 5/26/14.
- (B) Appoint Jeanine Dilley, Leahnette River, Dan Brown, Doug Paxton, Patrick Trapp as members to the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission and alternates Steve Watson, John Walsh, Doug Lents, Paula Miranda and Lloyd Hartley - all for a 1 year term. (*Pulled & Held Over*)
- (C) Order No. 16-2014, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance, Incorporating Position and Personnel Changes".
- (D) Request for Full Re-conveyance for John Trent, 910 Riverside Drive, Vernonia, Oregon 97064 and authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (E) Amendment #1 to ORCATS Counties Transition Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Amendment #1 to ODOT Flexible Service Agreement #20656 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) ODOT Public Transit Division 5311 Rural Formula Grant Agreement #29929.
- (H) Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission Agreement with Public Health Foundation.
- (I) Residential Demolition and Deconstruction Personal Services Contract with Dan Riehl Excavating, Inc.
- (J) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract, FEMA DR-1733-OR with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for the City of Vernonia Providence Health Center Acquisition (Phase 1) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract, FEMA DR-4055-OR with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for the Columbia County Flood Mitigation Project - Commercial Project Acquisition (Photosolutions) and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER 18-2014 - PAUL SCHARF PETITION TO NAME PRIVATE ROAD:**

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, addressed the petition received by Land Development Services, to rename a private road at the end of Five Peaks Terrace, City of Scappoose, as it extends on to county land. This private road will serve the new homes at the end of Five Peaks Terrace. Robin noted that the application was for three separate road names, all different. Planning staff would recommend that the Board deny this application because this road is simply a continuation of Five Peaks Terrace. All, including the 911 District and Fire Department, agree that it would be confusing to

rename the road. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to deny the request to change the road name and approve Order No. 18-2014, "In the Matter of the Petition by Paul Scharf, SPL Investments, LLC, to Name a Private Road Located at the End of Five Peaks Terrace, in Scappoose, Oregon, as "Five Peaks Terrace". The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Last week, the full Board attended the NACo Western Interstate Region conference in Anchorage, Alaska. He reported on some of the federal issues currently going on that could greatly effect us.

The State of Oregon is erecting a WWII Memorial for veterans in Salem on Friday.

He wanted to personally thank the people for voting to allow the Columbia County Jail to remain open. However, it is incumbent upon us to find another more permanent funding solution, rather than trying to depend on 3 year levies.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher also wanted to thank the citizens of Columbia County for passing the Jail Levy. It is extremely essential for public safety.

While attending the NACo conference last week, he sat on a committee for public safety and he found that all states seem to be facing the same issue of non-support for law enforcement funding. He mentioned a very interesting article published on Oregon Live yesterday having to do with public safety in rural Oregon.

He attended a Memorial Day breakfast at the American Legion Hall on Monday. It was very well attended and he wanted to thank all of those who have served this country.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller commented that sometimes people forget that the Commissioners are elected to represent the county. We live here, raise our children here and no one wants to live in an unsafe neighborhood.

He attended a luncheon at the senior center. There is such a great group of volunteers there and he is always inspired at how vibrant and effective those volunteers are.

He will be attending a Department of Veteran's Affairs conference in Salem tomorrow to discuss new funding streams and to see if there are other things we can do to shepherd those services through. While there, he hopes to attend the WWII Memorial Dedication.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Jewel Japs

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner