

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 11, 2014

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

The meeting minutes of May 28, 2014 and June 4, 2014 were held over one week.

VISITORS:

Richard Melton, 55141 Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose: He is back again today to address concerns about his constitutional rights because he didn't buy a permit to put up election signs - they were ordered down by the County. How can a mentally disabled person be harassed like this and not be allowed to have permits. He has continued concerns about the electrical permit requirements, his outside lights being removed and his garage sale closed down because he didn't have a permit. He is still trying to find out when someone will be coming back to put his lights back up. This issue remains at ground zero.

Annie Christensen, 35234 Hazel Street, St. Helens: She presented the Board with a copy of a news article from Albany, New York, related to rail and the financial liability. She is here today representing A Vision of Columbia County and their concerns with the Port of

St. Helens application for a SB766 designation. Annie recently attended both the City of St. Helens and Columbia City council meetings regarding SB766 and of the combined 10 councilors, only 1 supported SB766. She then read a prepared statement into the record. It is her understanding that the Board of Commissioners can pass a resolution or letter of support for the Port Westward special designation without a public hearing. She is requesting a public hearing. Annie then submitted her comments and a petition with 75 names opposed to SB766 into the record.

Paulette Lichatowich, PO Box 439, Columbia City: Paulette submitted some updated materials to the Board. There is a new newsletter called the “Clatskanie Forward” that is very well written and informative. She also submitted a memorandum written by, Lisa Smith, Columbia City Planner, with her interpretation of SB766. Lastly, she submitted a flow chart that she prepared and updated with regards to SB766. There is still no update from the Port on what properties are included in their application. Paulette asked if County Counsel has prepared an opinion on SB766. Commissioner Heimuller stated that there is nothing in final form at this time but they continue to work on it.

Nancy Whitney, St. Helens: She just came from the Port Commission meeting and one of their staff members just returned from China. She was there to look at their wonderful clean facilities that all of the ethanol, coal and crude oil that are possibility going to be shipped from Port Westward to China. What bothered Nancy the most was the total lack of mentioning or even thinking about the opposition made up of probably 75% of the constituents. The Commissioners need to listen to the people.

Carol Sweet, 52077 Rabinsky Road, Scappoose. It is her understanding from reading SB766, that the community has to go along with it and that the way to do that is for each governing body to pass a resolution. In traveling around to the different council meetings, she is finding that none of the cities are supporting the Port application. The people feel very strongly about the oil issue and, she would note, that with the amount of support the citizens gave to work together to get the Jail levy passed, they should get some respect on this issue.

Alta Lynch, PO Box 369, Scappoose: Alta is here to invite the Board to attend the town hall meeting to be held at the Armory on June 13th at 6:30 pm to help support our deploying troops.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller 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 6/9/14.
- (B) Approval all Employee Personnel Action forms, effective July 1, 2014.
- (C) Appoint Janet Evans to the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families, to represent the Department of Community Justice, term to expire 12/31/2016.
- (D) Resolution No. 26-2014, "In the Matter of Declaring a Fiscal Emergency and Modifying Recording Dates Under ORS 205.242 for the Columbia County Clerk".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Access and Parking Easement from Columbia County to the St. Helens Church of the Nazarene.
- (F) Amendment #2 to Intergovernmental Agreement #4802 with the Oregon Department of Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #4857 with the Department of Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO CCCCF:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to appoint Bruce Lofland to the Commission on Children & Families. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher appreciates comments from the public. Safety is the number one issue for the Commissioners. People come forward at these meeting and say they represent the majority of the public but that's not what he's seeing and hearing on the streets. There are many out there who support development at Port Westward.

The Board listens to both sides when having to act on any issue. He gave some statistical information on the oil trains that run through Columbia County and stressed that the Board will always be concerned with safety.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on the workforce program, which is undergoing a major change because of a request from the Governor that the regions be restructured. This last year, our region received the States highest award for workforce services.

Although not yet officially appointed, Commissioner Heimuller has been asked to sit on the Governor's task force on rail safety. He is definitely interested in participated on that committee.

He mentioned that Commissioner Hyde is not present here today as he is attending a meeting in Portland, representing our county on the final selection committee for Connect Oregon V grant funding.

Thoughts and prayers to all of those who were effected and those who responded to the yesterdays school shooting at the Reynolds High School. Such a tragedy.

Commissioner Fisher mentioned that the County has sent out a press release seeking applicants from around the county to sit on the Jail Operating Fund committee. Their purpose will be to review and validate expenditures from those levy dollars.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th day of June, 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: Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Chair

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By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner