

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 2, 2014

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

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of June 4, 2014 and June 25, 2014 Board meetings and the June 25, 2014 Staff meeting were carried over.

VISITORS:

Richard Melton, 55141 Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose: Last Thursday, he received a call from the State Disability Services inquiring about his lights and to see if they have been put back up. The State agrees that the county is totally at fault here and the state has informed him that they will be stepping in to get this dealt with. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that the next time Mr. Melton talks with the State, to give them Todd Cunningham's contact information.

HEARING: RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS SERVICES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in Unincorporated Columbia County".

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to give the staff report using a power point presentation and reviewed the process for rate setting. Rates, if approved, will become effective August 1, 2014.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Derek Ranta, Ernie Martin and Joe Marnick of Waste Connections: Derek gave an update on what Waste Connections has been doing over the past year. They are a good member of the community and have an excellent safety record. They took over operations of the Transfer Station last March and they now have 28 employees in Columbia County. They are currently active in over 50 civic groups in Columbia County, either by funding donations or by volunteering time.

Commissioner Heimuller gave his thoughts on the increase and does agree with the cost to be reimbursed for recyclables. However, the costs for new equipment and additional hours is truly just a cost of doing business and should be borne by the business owner.

Mike Sheehan, 33126 Callahan Road, Scappoose: Mike is here as a SWAC member who voted to approve this rate increase. One thing he felt that needed to be tightened up is on the roll off. Another concern is the increase in cost from 2010 to 2013 - there has been a total increase of 57% in administration and that needs to be looked at.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation.

Commissioner Fisher appreciates the work the SWAC puts into these issues. If we want the service, we have to pay for it, but we don't want to be taken advantage of either. Hudson Garbage is a good company.

Commissioner Heimuller clarified that SWAC is the county's Solid Waste Advisory Committee who volunteer their time to review solid waste issues.

Todd wanted to also thank Mike Sheehan and Sally Marsden who represent the public on the SWAC and the hard work they do. Although Mike does a great job in this analysis, next year Todd will be requesting a financial analysis to help the SWAC

After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the recommendation by the SWAC, rate adjustment as Option B. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: PAUL SCHARP APPEAL - INTERPRETATION OF "USABLE FRONTAGE":

Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, stated for the record that the applicant, Paul Scharp has withdrawn his application and therefore no hearing is needed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Items (G) and (N) were pulled and held over. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 6/30/14.
- (B) Cancel the July 9, 2014 Board and Staff meetings.
- (C) Appoint Cynthia Zemaitis to the temporary position of Natural Resources Administrator effective July 7, 2014 and approve the Personnel Action and Hiring Letter.
- (D) Appoint Jim Gibson and Naaman Cordova-Muenzberg to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, terms to expire 7/1/2017.

- (E) Order No. 17-2014 (Amended and Restated), "In the Matter of Declaring a Financial Exigency and Establishing a Furlough Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-2015."
- (F) Final Order No. 29-2014, "In the Matter of the Application of Todd and Liana Viken for a Conditional Use Permit for a Type II Home Occupation to Operate a Dog Boarding Kennel in a Rural Residential (RR-5) Zone".
- (G) Resolution No. 30-2014, "In the Matter of Authorizing Additional Projects to be Financed with Proceeds of an Existing Financing Agreement". (***Pulled and held over***)

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Amendment Number 1 to St. Helens Middle School Community School 2013-2014 Personal Services Contract.
- (I) Amendment # 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement #9783 with the Oregon Department of Education and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the Buskers Circus on the River, July 4 - 6, 2014 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Hold Harmless Agreement with the St. Helens Community Foundation for 13 Nights on the River activities, 6/1/14 - 9/1/14, including 4th of July event and Buskers Circus, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and the City of Columbia City for work crew.
- (M) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Columbia Community Mental Health for Teen and Family Transition Services for 2013-2014.
- (N) Maintenance Plan Contract with Crossmatch Technologies and authorize the Chair to sign. (***Pulled and held over***)

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON SUMMER PAVING PROJECTS:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, presented the Board with a spreadsheet giving detailed information on the road paving projects planned for this summer. He talked about the different forms of funding, including the ODOT funds. He mentioned that the City of Clatskanie has agreed to pay for the product for Conyers Creek Road, if the County does the work. Rainier is also asking for Road Department help to pave some of the city streets, but they too would pay all expenses, including equipment, product, staff time. He mentioned that the price of asphalt is down about \$10 from last year. The plan is to pave 88,000 lineal feet, approximately 13 miles of two lane road on 47 roads in the County. Dave briefly reviewed the spreadsheet, noting some of the more significant roads. It's going to be a very busy summer for the Road Department.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

With the holiday weekend coming up, he cautioned everyone to be safe and mindful of others.

A reminder that the County Fair is coming up in a few weeks and hoping everyone gets out to enjoy it.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher implored everyone to be safe this holiday weekend and be careful with fireworks for personal safety, safety to others, and fire dangers.

He stated that there is a concern, on a National level, about our transportation funding and that they will become very tight starting in August. That trickles down to a local level effecting our county funding. Mass transit funding can also be hit. He encouraged everyone to contact with representatives and congressman about this funding.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller was at the Summerfest in Scappoose both Friday and Saturday. It looked to be very well attended.

He attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning.

A reminder that the Clatskanie Heritage Days is coming up this weekend and the 4th of July parade in Vernonia.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of July, 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

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner