

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 16, 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 June 4, 2014 Board meeting; June 25, 2014 Board meeting; June 25, 2014 Staff meeting; July 2, 2014 Board meeting; and July 2, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

***Chris Brumbles, 64385 Deer Island Heights, Deer Island:*** Chris is interested in bringing Appleseed to the firing range in St. Helens. As way of background, Appleseed is part of the revolutionary war veterans association who travels around the country teaching quality, fundamental, safe rifle marksmanship, along with giving students some history lessons. His range in Rainier is not big enough to accommodate this program.

The Board explained that there are existing agreements with the adjoining landowners regarding access to the range for the general public, however Commissioner Heimuller

suggested that Chris put his request in writing so the Board can have legal counsel look into the details.

***Ken Thomas, 58950 Hovland Way, St. Helens:*** Ken is here along with his father-in-law Parnell Hovland to right a wrong on what they feel the county did years ago with regards to Hovland Way. Ken read a prepared statement into the record explaining what Parnell went through back in 1970 with then County Roadmaster, George Mann, to have Hovland Road accepted as a County Road. Parnell did everything that was asked of him and, come to find out now, the road is not considered a “county road”. This is a shameless act by the county to deceive the Hovland family. They are requesting that Hovland Way be accepted as a county road. Ken submitted his written testimony, a plat map and the letter from George Mann, dated 12/8/71 as a Columbia County road.

The Board will contact Dave Hill, Public Works Director, to do some research on this matter and then get back in contact with Ken.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the weeks of 7/7/14 & 7/14/14.
- (B) Authorize use of HMGP funds in the amount of \$337,788.83 for acquisition of the Vernonia Health Center. ***(Discussed below & approved)***
- (C) Authorize Public Works Director fill (1) vacant Lube Service Worker position.
- (D) Authorize the Assessor to fill (1) Appraiser position being vacated 7/15/14.
- (E) Authorize Emergency Management to recruit for AmeriCorps candidate for the Emergency Management Readiness Specialist position.

- (F) Order No. 31-2014, "In the Matter of Adopting Findings of Feasibility for Use of the County's Personnel and Resources to Provide Columbia County Jail Food Services- ORS 279B.036 ".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment No. 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement #9783 with the Oregon Department of Education and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with Sunset Empire Transit District for Trolley Vehicle Use.
- (I) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract, FEMA DR-1824-OR with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for the Vernonia Senior Center Acquisition Project and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Amendment #5 to Oregon Health Authority 2013-2015 Agreement #142058 for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Amendment #1 to Contract No. 30003613 with the City of Portland for Urban Areas Security Initiative FY 2012 grant funds and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Rescind Approval of Amendment #2 to Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon, DAS Fleet and Parking Services and Columbia County for Motor Vehicle Rentals, Fuel Purchases, and Motor Pool Shop Services.
- (M) Intergovernmental Agreement between State of Oregon and Public Agency for Motor Vehicle Rentals, Fuel Purchases, and Motor Pool Shop Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (N) Amendment #7 to Amended and Restated Agreement for the Provision of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services. *(Discussed below)*
- (O) Letter to Roland Migchielsen, CCMH, regarding Amendment #7, contract termination. *(Discussed below)*

- (P) Public Goods/Services Contract with TFT Construction, Inc. for Purchase of Asphalt.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM(B) - USE OF HMGP FUND FOR VERNONIA HEALTH CENTER:**

Sarah addressed the 2007 flood recovery process in the Vernonia area. All residential acquisition projects have been completed but there are 3 commercial projects remaining. The county is required to be the recipient of the grant funding to accomplish those 3 acquisitions, however, the City of Vernonia is actually going to be acquiring those properties because they are in the city limits. The county has an existing IGA with the City of Vernonia and that accounts for all the requirements associated with the flood funding. When the most recent request was received to authorize the funding for the Vernonia Health Center, Sarah went back through the grant funding documents. She found there are some new requirements that need to be included in the IGA with the city and has drafted an amendment to the IGA and sent it to the city's attorney yesterday. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize the use of HMGP funds in the amount of \$337,788.83 for acquisition of the Vernonia Health Center, contingent upon approval of the amendment to the IGA with the City of Vernonia. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEMS (N) & (O) - AMENDMENT #7 TO CCMH AGREEMENT & LETTER TO CCMH:**

As the Board is aware, the agreement with the State for mental health services terminated on June 30, 2014 and they now contract directly with CCMH for those services. What remains is the contract between Columbia County and CCMH to provide those services. Sarah has drafted Amendment #7 to the IGA with CCMH

terminating the contract, however CCMH raised an issue of being able to settle payments for services provided prior to 6/30/14. Therefore, CCMH needs to have access to the State to process those settlement charges. To accomplish that, Sarah included that express authority to CCMH in Amendment #7. The letter articulates the termination of the contract between Columbia County and CCMH

After discussion, both items were approved as part of the consent agenda.

**CASE AIDE POSITION IN COMMUNITY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT:**

Janet Evans, Community Justice Department Director, came before the Board along with Jean Ripa, Human Resources, to request approval to create the position of Case Aide. Janet reviewed the duties of the position and noted that funding is available in her budget. After review and discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the creation of the position of Case Aide, assign Salary Range 21 and authorize the Community Justice Director to fill one vacancy. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde reminded everyone that today at noon is the opening of the 99<sup>th</sup> Columbia County Fair.

He reported on the NACo conference he just returned from in New Orleans. There were a couple resolutions addressed from Oregon. NACo passed a resolution to

change the LEEDS scoring process. While there, Commissioner Hyde sponsored the continuation of the EDA funding.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher was also in New Orleans and just wanted to note for the record that the Association of Oregon Counties funding both he and Commissioner Hyde's attendance to the conference. It was a good conference and there were some important issues discussed on telecommunications. Land lines are going away and, with no tax revenue coming in, how will we pay for future communications. Discussions also held on low level offenders and how to deal with them other than just locking them up. We need to change their lives in a more positive way.

The Board will be attending the Fair Opening today at noon.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller gave a shout out to all of those folks in Rainier for putting together this years annual Rainier Days. It seemed to be another great event.

Today is the opening of the 99<sup>th</sup> Columbia County Fair and he encouraged everyone to come out to enjoy the festivities. He wanted to publicly thank all of the volunteers who, if not for them, we wouldn't have a Fair. He also wanted to thank Blackbird Catering and Pacific Stainless for sponsoring the fair volunteers banquet last night. It is their way of saying thank you to the volunteers and giving back to their community.

He also wanted to mention that tomorrow at the fairgrounds, there will be a dedication of a log bench to the Rabinsky family, who has been a local logging operation in Columbia County for many years and still going today.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Litigation:**

The Executive Session was canceled.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner