

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

October 1, 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:**

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the September 24, 2014 Board meeting were held over one week.

**VISITORS:**

*William Allen, 175 N. First Street, St. Helens:* He wanted to encourage the residents of Columbia County to register to vote, they have until 10/14/14. This is the only legal way he knows of to hold elected officials accountable. If you don't vote, you can't complain.

**READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-6: PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PROCEDURE:**

This is the time set for the reading of Ordinance No. 2014-6, "In the Matter of Adopting an Ordinance Establishing a Review Procedure for Public Health Decisions".

Robin McIntyre explained that this ordinance establishes a review procedure for public health to ensure accordance with State statute. This ordinance includes an emergency

clause and will need a unanimous vote by the Board to become effective immediately. Robin then gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-6 by title only.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-6, "In the Matter of Adopting an Ordinance Establishing a Review Procedure for Public Health Decisions". The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With no 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 9/29/14.
- (B) Declaration of Surplus Property (Computer Equipment) to BPOE St. Helens Elks 1999, Veterans Program and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Order 44-2014, "In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Rider Transit System Title VI Program".
- (D) Order No. 45-2014, "In the Matter of Accepting the Dedication of Wayside Court in the Hillcrest Subdivision near Scappoose, Oregon, from Columbia Hills Development Company and Matthew and Hailey Treat".
- (E) Dedication Deed for Right-of-Way (Wayside Court) from Columbia Hills Development Company and Matthew and Hailey Treat.

### **AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) Amendment #8 to Oregon Health Authority 2013-2015 IGA #142058 for Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management Emergency Management Performance Grant Number 14-505 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**WINTER PARK CLOSURES:**

Glen Crinklaw, Assistant Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss seasonal park closures. This was addressed by the Columbia County Parks Committee during their 9/11/14 meeting. The discussion focused on identifying expense reduction opportunities through off-season operation changes. All revenue generating parks were evaluated from a 2.5 year historical performance perspective. The basic financial benchmark looked at by the committee was expense vs revenue. Other considerations included park host placement issues, vandalism exposure and illegal trash dumping.

After their review, the 3 parks identified as having potential to yield budgetary savings through off season closure were Big Eddy Park (12/15/14 - 3/15/15); Scaponia (12/15/14 - 3/15/15); and Hudson Parcher Park (11/1/15 - 3/15/15).

Commissioner Heimuller did some math on the figures for Big Eddy Park - he averaged out a 20 month period and with an income average to be approximately \$3,500 per month and an expense average of about \$1500 per month. If correct, that's a positive cash flow. Glen confirmed that is correct. With regards to Scaponia Park, that is a better choice to have closed during the off season. Glen stated that the overall averages reflect a positive cash flow with seasonal closures.

Discussion was held on all of the aspects reviewed by the committee on the reasons for the recommendation submitted to the Board for seasonal closures. Revenue vs expenses, maintenance, park hosts, etc.

Commissioner Heimuller believes that Big Eddy should remain open, would agree with closing Scaponia for the season and would like to see more data on Hudson Park.

Commissioner Hyde agreed. Robin McIntyre will need to prepare an order for Board consideration based on Board discussion here today.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde is wearing a pink tie today in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Day. So many, including himself, have been affected by this deadly disease.

Last week, he met with the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization meeting. The 5 county region consists of Clark, Columbia, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah. This group continues to meet, share information and resources for continued preparedness across the region.

The incident at O'Hare Airport in Chicago brought to light that they didn't have a continuity of operations plan in place. We all need to be prepared for any disaster. He proudly noted that Columbia County is the only county in the region that has a Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP) in place, although he admits it does need to be updated.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher attended the 5 area luncheon in Clatskanie. It's always a good opportunity to meet with our seniors to hear their comments and concerns.

This morning he attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. The group is working full bore with Drivers Education training programs in our schools.

Yesterday he attended the retirement party for Deputy Randy Bonds. We wish him well in his retirement.

This afternoon, the Board will be discussing an issue with a houseboat leaking sewage into the river. It comes back to who has jurisdiction and authority to do anything about it.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller shared his congratulations to Deputy Randy Bonds on his retirement yesterday. He was given a Retired Police Officers badge and identification

badge that identifies him as a police officer for the rest of his life. This is only given to those who serve with honor. Although retired, Randy will continue to work part time in the Jail.

He will be meeting with Randy Sanders today to talk about the workforce reorganization.

He wanted to mention a couple of calls he received this week about the slow train traffic recently at the rail crossings. He spoke with a representative from ODOT Rail this morning and it appears that the reason for the slower rail speed has to do with the protest that happened last week in Clatskanie. The incident put the rail in a high alert mode to make sure there are no other issues. This is federal protocol.

The Board approved a Declaration of Surplus Property this morning, which approves the donation of computer equipment to the Elks Lodge Veterans Program. Alta Lynch is putting together a veterans resource center and this equipment will allow the veterans to

access services they may not otherwise be able to. This is a great cause and many thanks to Alta for helping put this program together.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner