

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

October 22, 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 October 15, 2014 Board meeting and October 15, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Jay Tappen, CRF&R Chief and Mark Kruetzer, CRF&R Board Member. Both were present to share with the Board, some information on CRF&R's Bond Measure 5-242 that will be on the ballot this November. The request is for a \$15 million, 20 year general obligation bond to replace current apparatus, make improvements to the Fairgrounds fire station, make seismic upgrades and other improvements to the Rainier Fire State, add a fire engine to the Deer Island station, replace communication hardware and other safety equipment, and refinance the Lee Broadbent Training Center credit obligation.

Mark explained that, about a year ago, the Fire Board discussed how they were going to accomplish all of these things, and ultimately decided on going out for a bond measure. He and Jay are here today to share that information and answer any questions. General discussion was held with no action needed.

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 10/20/14.
- (B) Amended Order No. 13-2014, "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Jackson Way Located Near Scappoose, Oregon".
- (C) Order No. 49-2014, "In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by Dogs Owned by Ryan Erickson".
- (D) Order No. 50-2014, "In the Matter of an Application (No. TT 13-12) by Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company for a Template Dwelling on a 10-acre Parcel in the PF-80 Zone (Primary Forest-80 Acres)".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Image Management Contract with Pacific Office Automation for Sheriff's Office Copiers and authorize Sheriff Dickerson to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE AWARD:

Commissioner Fisher announced that Columbia County has once again been awarded the Government Finance Officers Award for the county's distinguished budget presentation. This award is not easily attained, it takes a lot of work and skills by those in our finance department. The Board wanted to recognize Jennifer Cuellar and her staff for a job well done and presented her with the award. Commissioner Fisher noted that this award is separate from the award our Finance Department recently received for their work on the audit. Congratulations to Jennifer and her team.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended an Oregon Economic Forum last Thursday at the Portland Arts Museum. Discussions centered on the economy of the State of Oregon and where we're headed.

On Tuesday he attended the Columbia County Economic Team meeting.

Yesterday, he and Senator Johnson met with consultants hired by Portland Community College to put together plans for their new campus in Columbia County. He understands that operations will be up and running by 2017.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended the ESD meeting for the Early Learning Center. ESD will be appointed as our hub and how that melds together is something they continue to work on.

Last Thursday and Friday he attended the GOBHI retreat. This is a group our county is part of that deals with mental health services. They discussed mental health services for our youth who have experienced adversity in their environment and how they can be helped. There is a push in the legislature to find funding for mental health issues.

He reminded everyone again that this is tax season and ask that people continue to educate themselves on how the tax process works and where their tax dollars go.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Last Thursday, Commissioner Heimuller has the privilege to teaching the St. Helens High School Citizenship classes in the afternoon. He continues to be impressed with the intelligence of our students and their very pointed questions. It was a pleasure speaking to these kids.

Last night he attended the meeting put on by Portland Community College to inform the citizens on the work they've been doing the past few months on finding out the needs of our communities for higher education. It was well attended with a lot of good information.

Tomorrow he will be in Corvallis for the Oregon Transportation Commission workshop filling in for Shirley Kalkovin who has suffered some recent health issues. Get well wishes to Shirley for a speedy recovery.

The grand opening of the Vernonia Health Center will be held on Saturday and the annual Kiwanis Children's Fair at the St. Helens High School. A special thanks to all of those who help with that great event.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22nd day of October, 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

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh,

Board Office Administrator