

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

December 17, 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 December 10, 2014 Board meeting and December 10, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Jim Tift, 76604 Turner Road, Rainier: The big wind storm last Thursday brought a tree down through the middle of his house. He also lost 2 cars and sustained major damage to his traveler trailer. He shared photos of the damage with the Board. He understands that the wind storm was an act of God, but his complaint is with how some of this damage could have been avoided. This was his neighbors tree, who had previously logged his property and had asked the Department of Forestry for permission to also remove the tree that did all the damage because of safety concerns. They wouldn't allow it due to the riparian setbacks. The unfortunate part of this is that he will be facing thousands of dollars in costs not covered by insurance, improvements to his house to meet current building codes (not in effect when the house was built in the 1960's), and other unforeseen

costs. He is here today to just simply let the Board know his situation so that if there are issues down the road, they will be aware of it.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-7: REPEALING NOS 90-18; 90-9;89-3:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-7, "In the Matter of Repealing Ordinance Nos. 90-18, 90-9 and 89-3 and Rescinding Related Orders".

Sarah explained that the three ordinances being repealed were for the adoption of fees and regulations related to food handler permits. The local Public Health Authority now handle these permits. During the ordinance review process last summer, these ordinances were flagged as unnecessary because this program is no longer handled through the County. With no objection, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-7 by title only.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-8: REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 92-1:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-8, "In the Matter of Repealing Ordinance No. 92-1". This ordinance is related to food service licenses. Similarly, this is an ordinance that is not consistent with current State Law and the county doesn't implement anymore. This too is handled through the local Public Health Authority, not the county and therefore no longer needed. With no objection, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-8 by title only.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-9: REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 78-2:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-9, "In the Matter of Repealing Ordinance No. 78-2". This relates to ballot measures and adopted in the 1970's to allow the Board to put advisory ballots, related to state or federal law, on the

ballot. In her research, this has never been done and frankly it's inconsistent with state law. The recommendation is to repeal this ordinance. With no object, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-9, by title only.

At this time, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to hold the second reading of Ordinance Nos. 2014-7; 2014-8; 2014-9 on Wednesday, January 5, 2015 at or after 10:00 am. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Items (I) & (J) were added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (D) for review. 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 12/15/14.
- (B) Approve the FY 2014 Audit Representation Letter to Pauly, Rogers and Co. and authorize Earl Fisher and Jennifer Cuellar to sign.
- (C) Order No. 55-2014, "In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by a Dog Owned by Nawnie Hack"
- (D) Order No. 56-2014, "In the Matter of Dedicating Property Owned by Columbia County for Public Road and Utility Purposes (Timoney Road P-77, Rainier)".
(Pulled and held over)
- (E) (2) Work orders for Sheriff's Department Ricoh Americas Corporation copiers and authorize Millie Wagner to sign.
- (F) (2) Equipment Removal/Buyout Authorization for Sheriff's Department of Ricoh Americas Corporation copiers and authorize Millie Wagner to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and the City of Scappoose for the Dedication of a Portion of Dutch Canyon Road.
- (H) Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the use of the Courthouse Plaza from 12/1/14 through 1/9/15 for holiday events.
- (I) Cancel the Board and Staff meeting for December 24, 2014.
- (J) Reappoint Cliff West to the Vector Control District Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Eugene last Thursday and Friday for an O&C meeting and the election of Board members. Due to the resignation of the long standing President of the association, Commissioner Hyde was moved up to fill that position last year and, on Friday, was re-elected to hold that position. This is important to Columbia County because it involves some significant legislation on Secure Rural Schools funding.

Commissioner Hyde mentioned the loss of a long time active community member Terry Schonberg. A service was held for him at the Vernonia High School. He was a long time logger and community servant and will be greatly missed.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was in the Dalles last Wednesday and Thursday for a GOBHI meeting for discussion on the many issues regarding mental health. He was able to get home just before the wind storm hit.

Regarding the wind storm, he has had a lot of comments from the public on how helpful the County Road Department was during the storm. There were also a lot of citizens helping out. Thanks to all.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also commented on the recent wind storm and the huge coordinated work efforts between all of the agencies and the public to get the job done. They all did a fantastic job.

He has spent a lot of time in the past week on workforce issues and working with some of our local businesses to get them on our new Workforce Investment Board. He was in Lincoln City yesterday working on cementing a coordinated effort of developing our new workforce region and identifying our employment needs in this part of the State.

He was in Salem on Friday to attend the AOC Health and Human Services meeting and the Local Government Advisory Council meeting.

A huge thank you and praise for all of those volunteers, churches, organizations and others who are out there working to help collect donations and putting together baskets for those in need during this holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all present.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS:

The Board recognized the following employees for their years of service to the Columbia County: Linda Johnson (15), Marti Kyles (15); Stacia Tyacke (15); Dawn Hunt (15); Cynthia Zemaitis (15); Glen Higgins (25); Terry Miller (25); Betty Huser (25). Commissioner Hyde announced that the Board of Commissioners/County Counsel won the Holiday Hope contest. Todd mentioned others that have donated to the Kiwanis Food Basket project and thanked them all. The Board met with those recognized for a group photo.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17th day of December, 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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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Jan Greenhalgh,

Board Office Administrator

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner