

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 31, 2014

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 Board meeting and December 17, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Rob Levines, 73749 Cedar Grove Drive, Clatskanie: He came before the Board to ask where the county stands on zoning for recreational marijuana. Commissioner Heimuller explained that nothing has been done yet because State is still working on all of the issues surrounding the law as passed. Those laws will be passed down through the local governments when defined. Rob asked if the County will embrace the law or fight it. Commissioner Heimuller felt the county has no choice but to accept it because it was approved by the Oregon voters.

Grant Gratrix, 73746 Cedar Grove Drive, Clatskanie: Regarding Measure 91, he hopes that when the county looks at the zoning for this, that it allows the growing of

recreational marijuana on lands currently allowed for medical marijuana. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that those interested in this topic to keep abreast of what the State is doing because that is what will trickle down to the counties.

“ROCK THE CLOCK” DONATION:

Adam Foster and Spencer Foster, 355 S. 2nd St., St. Helens: As an intro, Commissioner Heimuller explained that Spencer Foster and his father Adam, worked together on Spencer’s senior project a couple of years ago, which was to create a funding source to restore and maintain the clock at the County Courthouse.

Spencer explained that this project started while he was a senior at St. Helens High School and became a family project to raise money for the courthouse clock. He graduated in 2014 and now serves in the US Army. He is home on leave for the holidays and wanted to be here today to present a check to the County for \$2,078.00.

Adam explained that this fund was created for something long term and could also be a great family project. It started last January and the plan is to have this an ongoing fundraiser, so the community can continue to keep this clock up and running. There is an account set up at St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union under the name of “Rock the Clock” for anyone who wants to contribute.

Commissioner Heimuller thanked Spencer for a great senior project that will benefit the community for years to come. He also wanted to personally thank Spencer for his service to our country. Commissioner Fisher stated that this is a prime example of neighbors helping neighbors for a good cause. With that, Spencer and Adam joined the Board for a photo of Spencer presenting the check to the County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 12/28/14.
- (B) Reappoint Jay Tappen and Steve Watson to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a (3) year term; appoint OSP Sgt. Tim Schwartz for a (3) year term; and appoint Steve Constans as an alternate.
- (C) Reappoint Nita Greene, Mike Greisen, Pat LaPointe, Eric Oien and Don Rose to the Transportation/Road Advisory Committee for a (2) year term.
- (D) Order No. 58-2014, (To Execute and Deliver Quitclaim Deeds) "In the Matter of the Sale of Real Property Acquired by Columbia County to Mark and Susan Hadley".
- (E) Quitclaim Deed from Columbia County to Mark and Susan Hadley for property identified as Tax Map ID No. 4N1W04-AA-02100 and Tax Acct #9899.
- (F) Ratify Management Discussion and Analysis document for the FY14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and authorize Commissioner Fisher and Jennifer Cuellar to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Notice of Intent to Award the Contract for Household Hazardous Waste Operations to Cleanharbors Environmental Services.
- (H) Ratify Addendum #1 to Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-17-R Phase 2 funding Obligation for the Vernonia Providence Health Acquisition Project and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher commented on the holiday luncheon with the county staff a couple of weeks ago. It was a very nice event and he wanted to thank everyone who helped put it together.

He wished everyone a happy new year.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller noted that Sharon Harmon from the Oregon Humane Society is in the audience today and he just wanted to publicly thank her and the OHS for all of their hard work over the past years on some very high profile cases. He wanted to recognize what the OHS does for the animals in our county and we appreciate the partnership.

It's been a good holiday season with no serious weather issues. He wished all a safe and happy new year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:

The Board recessed their regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 31st day of December, 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: Not Present

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh,

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner