

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 14, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Board meeting and January 5, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER 50-2014:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of a Request by Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Co. for a Reconsideration of the Language and Findings in Final Order 50-2014".

Robin McIntyre - The purpose of this hearing is to consider amendments to Board Order 50-2014 which approved Weyerhaeuser's Template Test application, with conditions.

Weyerhaeuser, in a timely manner, requested reconsideration of that Order because there were findings included that the Board did not actually make. The Board approved the request for reconsideration and scheduled today's hearing. Pursuant to Section 1605, this hearing will be on the record with no new testimony or evidence received. The Board declared no ex parte contact or conflicts of interest. Robin then read the pre-hearing statement into the record. She entered the Board Communication and Staff Report dated 1/8/15, which includes the letter of request from Weyerhaeuser and a draft of amended Order 50-2014 into the record, marked **Exhibit "1"**. Robin reviewed the content of the amended order - basically it has all of the same language as the original order with the exception of some language being stricken and some added which are in bold. The reason for Weyerhaeuser's request for reconsideration was that the Board approved the template test based on existing lots that were established prior to 1993 and did not have to reach the interpretational question on whether lots that had been property line adjusted or refigured and could not count towards the template test. So the Board had essentially decided that there were enough lots there without having to reach the interpretational issue. The changes to the amended Order clarify that. After a brief comment and recommendation for approval from Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, the hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After consideration, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Amended Order No. 50-2014, "In the Matter of an Application (No. TT 13-12) by Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company for a Template Test on a 10-Acre Parcel in the PF-80 Zone (Primary Forest-80 Acres)". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 1/12/14.

- (B) Approve Letter of Authority to Jean Martwick, Deputy District Attorney.
- (C) Order No. 1-2015, "In the Matter of Accepting the Dedication of Additional Right-of-Way at the End of Hovland Way near St. Helens, Oregon, from Robert and Dawn Hunt".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Amendment #2 to the Personal Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Columbia County Legal Aid, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on the Oregon Business Leadership Summit he attended last Tuesday in Portland, which is where the State rolled out their business plan for 2015, with 3 priorities: 1) to connect careers with education; 2) put our natural resources to work; and 3) to improve our infrastructure.

Last Wednesday, he and the rest of the members of the Connect V Final Review Committee, were called together to reconsider a project that was rejected. That project was the Berth #1 at Port Westward here in Columbia County. The committee unanimously voted to be that project back on the list as their number 1 priority. The Rail Committee voted to put Teevins Bros. Rail Intermodal Consolidation Facility back on the list at \$2.6 million; the Marine Committee voted to put Sauce Bros., Inc., a heavy lift equipment acquisition back on at \$1.1 million; the Air Committee asked for a Sisters airport; and Transportation asked for the Rainier Transit Center for \$500,000. Overall, Columbia County fared very well. The Oregon Transportation Commissioner will be deliberate on these recommendations tomorrow.

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He was in Eugene last week for the O&C meeting. They met with BLM to look at their harvest management plan and how they are trying to get to a new plan that was mandated by the Supreme Court when it was determined that BLM was out of compliance with the NW Harvest Plan because they are woefully short on the harvest levels that they're support to be at.

On Friday, he had the pleasure of meeting with 16 graduate students in Vernonia. These are engineering grad students from Portland State who are very interested in designing a bridge project to connect the Banks Vernonia Trail to the CZ Trail. Very exciting news.

On Monday, the Board was in Salem for the various AOC steering committees for the opening day of the legislative session.

Last night, he attended the City/County quarterly dinner meeting in Vernonia.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

He also attended the City/County quarterly meeting in Vernonia last night. It was interesting to hear the concerns and activities going on throughout the county. Concerns were expressed about police protection for our communities, concerns with our Jail and where we're going with education. A lot of this ties into economic development. Companies operating in Columbia County help us to provide services to our communities.

He attended the AOC legislative committee meetings on Monday. One of the issues discussed included the marijuana law and all the various details that need to be defined. It appears that OLCC will be the agency overseeing that process.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Heimuller attended the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting where they re-reviewed the final Connect V recommendations. He complimented the Connect Oregon process on how they operate from start to finish and that's just solidified by revisiting some of the very worthwhile project applications.

He will be attending the NOHA meeting on Thursday and then on to Salem for the Oregon Fair's Association conference, which is the statewide association that governs all fairs in Oregon.

He was in Salem on Monday for the AOC meeting on Monday. A lot of discussion was held on the marijuana issues and e-cig regulations.

Last night, he attended the Jail Advisory Committee meeting. This group seems to be moving forward in a positive way. Jennifer Cueller also attended to present a very detailed history and projection for the jail fund.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon in the Annex Room. Present were Commissioner Heimuller, Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher.

MEETING WITH PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Board met with the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee for general discussion and update on the county parks system. No actions needed.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th of January, 2015.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner