

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 11, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 February 4, 2015 Board meeting and February 4, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island:*** Tammy introduced herself as the current and duly elected Chair of the Columbia Health District. She is here to support Brady Preheim's comments.

***Brady Preheim, 51607 Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose:*** Brady introduced himself as the Trustee of the Columbia Health District with oversight of the CHD property. He appreciates the fact that the Board last week admitted that they transferred the CHD

property to the City of St. Helens some time ago, even though it was in Brady's name, and the Board admitted it was an illegal transaction. He is here today to inform the Board that this is not over and they will be appealing. Last week, the Board said that the court ruling was their resolution that everything had been done correctly. That's no so, the courts said nothing about the process. The only thing said was that their attorney, Mr. Huffman, missed a filing deadline - and even that's in debate. The merits of this case are still open and have never been judged. In addition, the Board said there was no constitutional issue in this case. He argued that there is. The Oregon Constitution specifically prohibits the taxing of one district for the sole benefit of another. That is exactly what this case is about. Should they fail to win again in the appeals court, they will take this to the Supreme Court.

***Craig Marquardo, 52520 SW 4<sup>th</sup> St., Scappoose:*** He is running the newly founded Scappoose Business Association. He is a local business owner and, after a lot of

discussion with other business owners in the area about the different issues that arise, it seems that individual solutions were not the answer. The group will be focusing a lot of attention on pro-active economic development. They plan to implement a very aggressive buy local program, a jobs bank program and gift card program in Scappoose. He explained how the gift card idea would work, which will be specific to Scappoose to boost the buy local concept. Their first meeting will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am in the Scappoose RFPD and he invited the Board to attend. He will continue to keep the Board updated on these programs.

***Todd Dugdale, LDS Director,*** came before the Board to introduce Casey Garrett, the newly hired Facility Services Manager, who started with the County on Monday. Todd and Casey will continue to meet with the Board to keep them updated on facility projects and priorities. The Board welcomed Casey to the County.

**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 2/9/15.
- (B) 2015 Liquor License Renewals for: Scipio's Goble Landing; Star Mart.
- (C) Order No. 4-2015 In the Matter of Conveying Certain County owned Real Property Known as Tax Map ID No. 4N1W08-BB-02500 and Tax Account No. 15005 to Betty J. Nelson".
- (D) Quitclaim Deed to Betty J. Nelson (Tax Map ID No. 4N1W08-BB-02500 and Tax Account No. 15005) and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Purchase and Sale Agreement with Betty J. Nelson (Tax Map ID No. 4N1W08-BB-02500 and Tax Account No. 15005) and authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) SOLV Property Owner Permission and Waiver Agreement.
- (G) FTA Fiscal Year 2015 Certifications and Assurances and authorize Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON JUSTICE FACILITY FLOOD:**

Janet Evans, Corrections Director, presented the Board with an update on the flood that occurred on October 25, 2014 at the Community Justice Facility. They are almost completely back to normal, with the exception of some furniture. She wanted to publicly thank Martin Flooring, a local company, who provided excellent service and the extra effort to get it done around the staff and in a timely manner. She also wanted to thank the LDS staff for their tremendous help and support through the entire process. Lastly, kudos to ServePro. If they would not have responded as quickly and efficiently as they did, the damage would have been much worse to the carpet and walls. Thanks to all.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Community Action Team Board meeting, whose finance committee is working on their budget.

He and Commissioner Fisher entered their homemade soups in today's first employee soup contest. Commissioner Hyde will be judging.

Tomorrow he will be helping the RSVP volunteers deliver valentines to the many veterans around the county. This is the first year for the "Valentines for Vets" event put on by the RSVP program. A couple of weeks ago, there were about 50-60 people who turned out at the Scappoose Senior Center to make these valentines. Any extras going to the VA hospital in Portland.

On Monday, he attended the AOC Health and Human Services meeting in Salem.

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The Fair Board continues to work very hard on the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Columbia County Fair. This year is also the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the Kiwanis International and the Warren Grange. These groups will be working together to do some advance marketing of 100 years of service.

#### **COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem on Thursday, spending half of the day attending the Oregon Crude Oil Rail Response exercise. It's the first one of its kind in the State of Oregon. This was a very comprehensive exercise and long overdue. After that, he spent the rest of the afternoon meeting with our legislative delegates.

On Monday he was in Salem for the AOC meeting on legislative bills. Things are moving very fast in this session.

Later that day, he was in the Governor's Office for meeting with the Shared Services Committee that he sits on, talking about how they can provide better services by combining them.

As the O&C President, he spent a lot of time during the week working on federal legislation with regards to O&C Counties and our federal forests and the reauthorization of federal funding.

Tomorrow he will be attending a meeting with the Public Infrastructure Commission that he sits on. Their charge is to find a funding source through public and private money for large projects - \$50 million and up.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher asked Counsel for clarification on the statement made earlier about the county transferring the CHD property. Sarah stated that she is not aware of any transfer of the Millard Road property. She believes that Mr. Preheim may have been referring to the Public Health property, however there was not transfer, the county simply provided use of that property to the foundation. Commissioner Fisher also addressed the summary judgement on the CHD proceedings and that it was more than just missing a filing deadline. He stated that the public needs to be aware that this court case has costs the county and its citizens thousands of dollars to defend.

As a followup on the AOC legislative meetings on Monday, he reported on the Voter Motor Law. If this is passed, it would mean that a person who gets a drivers license will automatically be registered to vote. There are those who don't want to be registered and it will be costly. It is estimate that it would be approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 just for Columbia County.

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On Thursday, he was in Salem to testify on a bomb threat piece of legislation and getting the penalties increased for those convicted of making bomb threats. He also had the opportunity to talk with some of our legislators who are concerned about proposed changes in the Grand Jury process by having them recorded. This would more cost to the counties.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 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

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner