

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 4, 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 February 18, 2015 Board meeting and February 18, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Item (E) was pulled and held over for further review. With no other 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 3/2/15.
- (B) Authorize the County Assessor to fill (1) Data Analyst position and (1) Appraiser position in the Assessors Office.
- (C) 2015 Liquor License Renewals for Multnomah Channel Yacht Club; Scappoose Market; Goble Tavern; Alston Pub & Grub.
- (D) Authorize the refund of the funds remaining in the Port Westward Generating Plant-Unit 2 Building Permit deposit account, to Harder Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$4,992.22.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland for Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding and authorize the Chair to sign. *(Pulled and held over)*

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller briefly commented on the NACO Legislative Conference he attended last week in Washington, DC. It was a very educational and informative trip and he was most impressed by the amount of interest paid by all of our legislators and their staff on the issues facing all Oregon counties.

It's been a sad couple of weeks with the loss of a long time employee, Joe Flori. Joe was a county employee for over 38 years. He was a great friend, a great guy and defined what a great employee is. We were all so very fortunate to have had him as a friend and co worker. He will be greatly missed. Additionally, Carolyn Kuhn passed away this week. The mother of our local auctioneer Mark Kuhn, Carolyn was a very faithful person, a public servant and very community oriented. She too will be missed by many. Lastly, retired fire fighter Chief Dick Jacobus passed away yesterday. In retirement, Dick and his wife Olivia took in foster kids and worked with the Juvenile court system to help those kids who suffered from an array of problems. Dick was a true public servant and will be missed.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde also commented on the passing of Joe Flori and the huge loss that will be to the county. Joe exemplified what a great employee should be with a work ethic that was second to none. He always wore a smile. Dick Jacobus was so active in the community that most people didn't even know he was retired. His condolences to the Flori family, Jacobus family and the Kuhn family.

He reported on the NACO legislative conference he attended in Washington, DC last week. The conference was one of the best he's attended. There were 33 Commissioners and staff from Oregon that attended. They spent time on the hill for visits with the legislators and attended other various meetings. We should really appreciate the weather that Oregon is experiencing right now, because it was very cold in DC. Commissioner Heimuller added a comment on the speech by the Vice President on

community college and the emphasis on getting our kids job ready starting in grade school and through high school. Teaching trade education and not focusing only on college degrees.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher will really miss Joe Flori, he was always a great guy with a continuous smile. He also commented on the loss of Dick Jacobus and Carolyn Kuhn

Last week he attended the City/County Insurance Services conference.

He met with Portland Community College last week to look at the needs of Columbia County and what can be done to bring those services out here.

He also attended the Columbia Community Mental Health meeting, CEPA meeting and the Hwy 30 Safety Committee to look at ODOT's preliminary plans for safety improvements on Hwy 30.

He and Commissioner Heimuller attended the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. Discussion was held on rail safety. At the end of the day, safety depends a lot on the people. Things like - don't park on railroad tracks, which is where most rail deaths occur. For those interested in learning about rail safety, people can go online at Operation Life Saver.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 4th of March, 2015.

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

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner