

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mark Griffin, 33733 Bennet Road, Warren: Mark is here to ask for any update on property located at 33623 Bennet Road. There was a Conditional Use Permit applied for back in November 2013. It was denied and then appealed. The applicant then withdrew his appeal. It was for a construction business and, although it wasn't approved, the operation is still taking place. They have fuel tanks down by the creek area, they're hauling in construction debris and dumping it there. Mark is curious how the county is dealing with this, since it is not a permitted use. Commissioner Heimuller explained that

the Board did not have any information in front of them at this time, but suggested that Mark talk with Todd Dugdale in Land Development Services about these issue, as that department would be doing any followup.

DELIBERATIONS: ENERFIN RESOURCES CUP TO DRILL:

This is the time set for deliberations, “In the Matter of the Application of Enerfin Resources Northwest for a Conditional Use Permit to Drill a Natural Gas Well in the Primary Forest (PF-80) Zone”.

Robin entered Exhibits 18 thru 25 into the record. Glen sent up a Board communication with the update and amended conditions. Staff has reviewed all of the materials submitted and, based on that, there were some changes made to the conditions of approval. Glen briefly reviewed the changes to the conditions as a result of the testimony submitted. After some question/answer time with staff, the Board moved on to deliberations. Commissioner Fisher commented that there are state and federal rules that must be followed and he cannot see any reason to deny this application. Commissioner Hyde has been involved in this process for more than 20 years - since they first found gas out in that area. He also knows that we have 30 years of history to look back on and knows Enerfin has been a good partner.

After deliberations, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the application of Enerfin Resources Northwest for a Conditional Use Permit, with conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 3/9/15.
- (B) Liquor License Renewal for Deer Island Store; Scappoose Creek Inn.

The motion carried unanimously.

MARIJUANA MORATORIUM:

Commissioner wanted to comment on the notice that was just sent out to all property owners in Columbia County announcing the 4/8/15 public hearing the Board will be holding on the moratorium on the marijuana issue. He explained that the moratorium is only to allow time for the County to draft some appropriate and prudent rules and regulations on how to regulate marijuana operations. Because this is a land use issue, LDS was required to send notice to all property owners. That caused some concerns with some people, but again, the County is not trying to shut anyone down, just requesting some additional time to figure out what the rules will be.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority meeting last week and Columbia Pacific CCO meeting to talk about the coordinated care organization

we belong to, the Public Transportation Advisory meeting on Monday to discuss public transportation funding.

Last night, he attended the Jail Operating Levy committee meeting. The members on this committee have done their research and are really getting to understand what it takes to run a jail.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde wanted to mention that this county lost a very important citizen a couple of days ago with the passing of Johann VanNatta. She was a very active citizen of this county for many years. Our thoughts and prayers to her family.

On Thursday, he attended the Public Infrastructure Commission that he sits on. They are looking at ways to recommend back to this legislative session, how to fund large projects on a public and private process. Large being projects from \$100 million and up. This has been an extremely complicated process.

He met in Salem last week for an O&C Board meeting and talked about current issues regarding Secure Rural School funding and how to find a permanent solution.

On Monday, he was again back in Salem for AOC meetings.

Yesterday, he attended the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee meeting. They talked about some opportunities coming up for a large scale exercise in preparation for a large magnitude earthquake.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Last night, he attended an Education Service District meeting. He was glad to hear that, after many, many months, they believe they have been approved as the HUB for the Early Learning Council.

He also attended the CCMH meeting. CCMH will be opening a detox center fairly soon here in the county. This will save time and money with not having to transport people to Portland.

On Monday he was in Salem for an AOC meeting. He sits on the Public Safety Committee and it's always interesting to see the different types of situations people are facing.

He has commented several times about people using good sense when it comes to rail safety. Just last week, someone parked on the tracks and 47 people were taken to the hospital. Again, please be careful when you're around railroad tracks.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th of March, 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

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Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner