

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

April 29, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Fisher was attending a funeral service in Clatskanie, representing the Board.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Bob Short, Cal Portland, 34288 N. Honeyman, Scappoose: Bob his here today to clear up misconception involving the campaign for the gravel tax. It has been alleged that aggregate on private property is a public resource. That just isn't true. If the owner owns the mineral rights, the aggregate belong to him. The aggregate companies are committed to reclamation of the pits. Scott Parker has filled in 2/3's of his site, and his pit was exempt. Mr. Parker has a yeoman's job by turning his site into useable land; the same thing will happen at the CalPortland site.

Nancy Seeler 33654 Bennet Road, Warren. After years of complaints to Land Development Services about a large, heavy construction business being run in the neighborhood, which doesn't allow more than 1 employee, they applied for a Conditional Use Permit. The hearing was attended by the neighbors in mass. County staff recommended that the permit be denied. Colleen Deshazer promised there would

only be 1 employee at the site; however, the work has continued with many trucks, multiple employees, lights shining on houses until 2:00 in the morning, catcalls, etc. Robert Crain stated he needed clearer regulations before he can take any enforcement action. The neighbors asked Commissioner Heimuller to take the steps needed to get these updates done so they can stop this. The activity has slowed, but it does continue. They have a serious problem and the retaliation continues.

Commissioner Heimuller knows that LDS has continued to work on the problem, and he has been told that there is much less activity. Seeler agreed. He stated they are looking at the ordinance and trying to figure out what it needs to add some teeth to it. He understands that there are a lot of neighbors being effected by this and they are moving forward pretty rapidly on this. Commissioner Hyde states that they had a very similar problem several years ago and, although it took some time, they were finally able to resolve the problem.

1ST & 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-3 - MARIJUANA MORATORIUM:

Robin McIntyre stated that this matter first came before the Board on April 8. At that time, the Board continued deliberations to April 22nd, at which time the Board tentatively approved this ordinance. The moratorium is restricted to outdoor growing areas and dispensaries, applying only in unincorporated county. It is temporary moratorium, lasting only 120 days, although the staff expects to bring it back before the Board for an extension of an additional 6 months. This ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption.

With no objections, Robin gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-3, by title only.

With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-3, "In the Matter of Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Medical

and Recreational Marijuana Facilities within the Jurisdiction of Columbia County and Declaring an Emergency". Under discussion, Commissioner Heimuller stated that, with regards to the anticipated 6 month extension, staff has been clearly directed to move this matter forward with haste. 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 4/27/15.
- B. Order No. 17-2015, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract with Envi-Road for Asphalt Emulsion from the Competitive Bidding Requirements of ORS 279B.070".
- C. Resolution No. 18- 2015, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate in the Assessment and Taxation Grant".
- D. Resolution No. 19-2015, "In the Matter of Authorizing a Reserve Fund for PERS".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- E. Amendment No. 2 to Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No. 29038.
- F. Amendment #8 to Intergovernmental Agreement #720-07 with Portland Community College and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller offered his condolences to the Kangis family and the passing of a great man who was a mover and shaker.

He attended a CAT meeting this week, where he sits as a Board member. They are working on a succession plan, because Jim Tierney has made it clear that he will be retiring in the next year. Rita Bernhard, Keith Locke, himself and others have been working diligently on finding a replacement. CAT is like an octopus with 100 legs, taking responsibility for several different programs.

He was in Clatskanie Monday, and commends Beth Savage who has done a remarkable job with the senior center despite suffering bad health. They continue to struggle, as do all senior centers, with the money needed to provide meals, meals-on-wheels and all the other programs they take care of. If anyone has a few extra minutes to help these folks out, please step forward and volunteer to help.

Commissioner Hyde thinks it would be a good idea for them to focus some good effort on the local senior centers. Commissioner Heimuller indicates that the center in Vernonia now don't even have a home, since the building was taken down due to the flood, and they are struggling to provide through several obstacles

Crisis intervention training that has been going on in our county, including mental health issues in the jails. It is one of the things that has nearly bankrupted many jails, who don't have the financial ability to take care of the mental health inmates and have to release them. They end up back in jail a short time later. Former police chief Salle has headed up the training for crisis intervention, and most law enforcement agencies, mental health and other layers of life have recognized the problem that police officers face when trying to respond to a person with mental health issues. They are working to

try to figure out the most appropriate response, and CCMH is working on putting together some type of program to handle this. He applauds all of those volunteers working on this initial training; we're actually a step ahead of other counties in the state.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde continues to work towards resolution with regards to the management of our federal lands, particularly the O&C lands in Columbia County and the State. Hyde is President of the O&C Counties. Senator Bishop had some very good visuals showing a certain amount of board feet that is going to be harvested out of those forests, The Endangered Species Act in 1990 was a boon for attorneys, and they have had nothing but significant deduction in timber harvests since then. It is a very big deal for our communities, the state and the nation. He thinks that reasonable and responsible management is the answer. They clearly need to be a change from the way timber was harvested back in the '20's and 30's; that is unsustainable. There should be areas closed to logging, as well as areas that are harvested sustainability. He believes they have a good legislative concept now which he hopes they can push forward. There is also a big push on behalf of Idaho and other states to take back the land. He personally doesn't think that will happen, but the State has been asked to take a look at the possibilities. There is a lot of work going on right now about this. He was in Salem, Eugene and Portland last week, and will be back in Salem tomorrow. There is a lot of emphasis on this issue right now.

Commissioner Hyde commented on yesterday's budget meeting. It went well and it was the best budget document he has seen. The supporting data is really good, and clearly reflects what the County does.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

No comments.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th of April, 2015.

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

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By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Cynthia Zemaitis

Acting Board Office Administrator

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner