

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 9, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2, Board meeting and March 2, 2016 Staff Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Sydnee Alyster, 52386 SW Keys Road, Scappoose and Susan Conn, St. Helens: were here today as part of the Ford Institute Leadership program. Each year, they chose a project to complete. This year is disaster preparedness backpacks. They need a fiduciary agent for this grant and is asking if the County was consider being that agent. Sydnee has prepared a Memorandum of Agreement with the County and a copy of the draft grant application (to be completed) for Board review and consideration. This grant is for a one day event to be held on June 4, 2016 at the Four Square Church in St. Helens. Commissioner Heimuller explained that these grants require county staff time to administer, so he would setting up a meeting to look into the details before agreeing to sponsor the grant.

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: Don is here today regarding another issue on a previous decision made by the Planning Commission back in 1996 with regards to the trailer park in Rainier. There are road conditions that were never met and he sees no legal way that those conditions can be met the way it sits now. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that Don meet with Todd Dugdale and Lonny Welter outside of this meeting to discuss further.

RECOGNITION OF LARRY COLE - CULTURAL TRUST COMMISSION:

The Board recognized Larry Cole, who spent years as a volunteer on the Cultural Trust Coalition Commission. Commissioner Heimuller praised Larry and all those who volunteer their time on various committees. Larry appreciated the time he was able to participate on this commission. He explained how people can donate to the Cultural Trust and the tax benefits. Commissioner Fisher also thanked Larry for helping to keep this commission going and his long term service.

SHERIFF DICKERSON:

Sheriff Dickerson was present to update the Board on the current negotiations with the City of Clatskanie. The Sheriff's Office has signed an augmentation agreement with the city to allow county deputies to provide assistance when the city police aren't available. Their police department is currently about 50% down on man power. The county has the same agreements with Columbia City and Vernonia. Jeff believes this to be a good thing as they move forward on contract negotiations with the City of Clatskanie for a north county substation of the Sheriff's Office in Clatskanie. This will allow the city to maintain a response police force within the city, at a fraction of the cost it would otherwise cost. It will also expand the county's response capability into the north county area, again at a fraction of the cost. The Sheriff's Office would absorb the majority of the administrative costs.

Commissioner Fisher commends the Sheriff and the citizens of Clatskanie for considering this proposal and would hope that all cities in Columbia County would consider doing this because they're all understaffed.

Commissioner Heimuller thanked the Sheriff on this potential partnership. The City of Clatskanie has been struggling for some time and a partnership between agencies is always good. He asked how the costs would be handled, as far as equipment costs, cars, etc. The Sheriff stated that those issues would still need to be worked out.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 3/7/16.
- (B) Cancel the March 9, 2016 Staff meeting.
- (C) Authorize the County Assessor to fill one vacant Property Appraiser position.
- (D) Order No. 5-2016, "In the Matter of Adopting Policies and Procedures for Tax Foreclosure Property".
- (E) Approve 2016 Liquor License Renewals for: Scappoose Market; Multnomah Channel Yacht Club; Tio's Quincy Market; Bing's Restaurant; Scappoose Creek In; and Goble Tavern.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Ratify Victims Assistance Grant application and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

HOVLAND ROAD:

Lonny Welter, Road Department, gave an update on the proposed vacation on a portion of Hovland Road. Using visuals, Lonny gave a detailed explanation of the area and what Mr. Hovland is looking for. At this point, nothing can be done by the county until Mr. Hovland signs the consent form. Commissioner Heimuller would suggest that Lonny schedule a meeting with Mr. Hovland, the Board and himself to show what the research has found and determine how Mr. Hovland wants to move forward.

RECOGNITION OF PAT HAMER - RSVP PROGRAM:

The Board recognized Pat Hamer for her years of dedication as a RSVP volunteer working at the County Courthouse. She will be truly missed by both employees and the public. She was presented with a certification of appreciation, flowers and a purse she has been admiring for a long time.

OFFER TO PURCHASE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY - VANCE:

Sarah Hanson presented an offer to purchase county owned property from Mr. Vance. Steve Planchon is requesting direction from the Board on how they want to proceed with this offer. The Board feels that Mr. Vance has presented a fair offer and are in agreement with moving forward with the sale. Sarah will have Steve Planchon prepare the paperwork for Board action.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

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Not present.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the NOHA meeting last week in St. Helens, the 911 meeting, and the Public Transportation Advisory Committee meeting for AOC on Monday. Yesterday he did a presentation at the Daybreakers Kiwanis Club with a State of County update.

He wanted to mention that the Megga Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 26th at the County Fairgrounds and CC Rider will providing free rides from the St. Helens High School to the fairgrounds.

He commented on the My Fair Lady Pageant for 2016. We honor our senior ladies in this county, who are some of our most valuable volunteers we have.

Tomorrow he will be at the NWACT meeting in Tillamook and in Salem for an AOC meeting on Friday.

Lastly, he wanted to give a shout out to a local hero - David Hobizal of Scappoose. He saved a woman from a burning home early yesterday. He was able to push the back door open and pull her to safety. She is expected to recover. Thanks to this young man!

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also appreciates David Hobizal actions yesterday. We all need to be there to help each other.

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He attended the Koffee Klatch last Friday. He talked with some people from United Way, who as a non-profit are struggling anyway and now they have to deal with the minimum wage. Not sure if these non-profits can pass those costs on.

The Board moved the meeting to the Board office to meet with Rebecca Carey-Smith with PGE.

REBECCA CAREY-SMITH - PGE REPRESENTATIVE:

Rebecca Carey-Smith was present to introduce herself as the new government affairs person with Portland General Electric. She replaced Mark Fryberg when he retired at the end of 2015. Brief discussion was held on Port Westward projects and future projects that PGE can partner with.

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 9th of March, 2016.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner