

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 20, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 Board meeting and April 13, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier. He is here today to respond to a letter he received from Land Development Services addressing Don's issues and concerns, including fire safety. The fire standards are not being met. He spoke with Fire Chief Steve Schreck and both he and Don believe that the road is not up to a 20 foot width, nor is it paved properly to comply with fire standards. The Chief is here today if the Board has any questions. The letter from LDS states that this was addressed 1996 and the county doesn't have to readdress it. Don had requested that information multiple times for the last 10 years to get this straightened out. As he understands it, the fire code is intertwined with the County Road requirements. Don has a letter from Dave Hill dated 11/2/1995 that says ... "the roads must comply with road standards or proceed with

modifications. Road must be at least 20 feet wide to comply with fire standards". Don referred to Board Order #30-1996 and he can find nothing in the paperwork where the county addressed the fire standards. There was some communications with the trailer park owner stating they needed to have a 20 foot wide road access. The only reason that hasn't happened yet is because they legally can't control Don's property. No one from the trailer park has ever approached him to get an easement for that property. Ultimately, Order 30-1996 was issued in error. He stated his willingness to meet with all the players to get this straightened out.

TODD THOMAS - NW NATURAL PROJECT UPDATE:

Todd Thomas, NW Natural Gas, came before the Board to give a power point presentation on the North Mist Expansion Project being developed to serve the PGE Port Westward Industrial Park. Referring to the power point, he went through the details of the project and time line, which is currently on schedule for a 2018 in service date.

Commissioner Heimuller understood that this project was to increase capacity to the site, not just specific to PGE. Todd explained that PGE will only pay for what they need, however, if it makes business sense to expand the pipeline diameter, that is something to be considered. The permit would allow for up to a 24 inch pipeline but this would be a NW Natural business decision. The Board is meeting with Greg Cantor, CEO with NW Natural at 11:00 today and will discuss continue this discussion with him at that time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 4/18/16.

- (B) Order No. 7-2016, "In the Matter of amending the County Fee Schedule for Inmate Housing Fees".
- (C) Authorize County Counsel to fill a paralegal position in the Office of County Counsel.
- (D) Assign Jail Commander Position to Exempt Salary Range E07, effective 5/1/16.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Road Use Permit from Weyerhaeuser Columbia Timberlands, LLC. for Carcus Creek Timber Harvest and authorize Glen Crinklaw to sign.
- (F) Amendment #4 to the 2015-2017 IGA #148004 with the Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Amendment #5 to the 2015-2017 IGA #148004 with the Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Amendment #6 to the 2015-2017 IGA #148004 with the Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Personal Services Contract with Clark Nuber PS for Federal Compliance and Grant Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the City/County dinner meeting held in Clatskanie last night. These meetings have been held quarterly over the past 28 years and are very beneficial for all agencies involved.

On Thursday he traveled to Roseburg for an O&C meeting. Discussion was held on the forest management plan that they are protesting.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that last night at the City/County meeting, Janelle Grow was there for the first time. Janelle is the Chair of the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee. She was impressed with the communication within the group and there seemed to be a very positive outlook from everyone there.

He attended the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization meeting on Monday at CCMH. The discussed the coordinated care aspects of both physical and mental health throughout the north coast region. These tend to be very long meetings but a lot of good information is shared.

The County budget meeting was held all day yesterday. He wanted to thank our county staff for all of their work gathering information for the budget.

He mentioned that the St. Helens Robotic Team - under the leadership of Neil Ford, won the National Championship for Robotics and qualified for the world competition in St. Louis. They are trying to raise the money so they can all attend. If anyone is interested in donating to this team, they can find information on the St. Helens School website.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also commented on the robotics team and that this something to be very proud of.

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Yesterday was the County budget meeting. It was nice not having to cut positions and institute furlough days. The budget is starting to come back. One of the reasons we were able to balance this budget was because of the Strategic Investment Plan dollars we received from PGE at Port Westward.

An issue was brought up yesterday during the budget meeting about the number of homeless people in this county. When going out to Mayger last Saturday, he saw 2 homeless camps out on the beach that he didn't even know existed. This is not just a big city problem and it needs to be addressed.

He wanted to mention that those who are running for the Commissioner seat and think that they do nothing, is a totally false assumption. The Board works very hard and those that don't want to, should not run for the position.

Last week he was in the Dalles attending a GOBHI meeting. This group deals with mental health issues state wide.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:00 am to meet with Greg Cantor of NW Natural Gas.

Greg Cantor called and had to reschedule.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th of April, 2016.

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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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Earl Fisher, Commissioner