

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 6, 2016

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

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 22, 2016 Board meeting, June 29, 2016 Board meeting and June 29, 2016 Staff meeting were held over.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Al Peterson, 101 St. Helens Street, St. Helens: Al is present today to give an update about the "Dog Walk". He is ready to start placing all the "dogs" in the plaza for a short period of time and then afterwards, placing them around the city. Al has made a couple of changes to the contract with the County for use of the plaza and is now ready to finalize it. He presented the modified contract and certificates of insurance. Because of the time line, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the License Agreement subject to review by County Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

BOYD RUBY:

Boyd Ruby, 33323 Hillcrest Drive, Scappoose: Boyd is the Vice Present for the Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. He is here today to request a solid waste disposal fee waiver or reduction for “Restore” store. Habitat for Humanity opened the store to help raise money to build homes. One of their biggest expenses at the store is disposal fees. They average \$3700 per month total, including \$567 per month for disposing with Columbia County and \$3185 per month for a dumpster. He is only asking for a waiver/fee reduction for the \$567.

Todd Dugdale felt it is the County’s goal to divert from landfill. However, he believed they would need to budget any subsidy and enforce a guideline to apply it uniformly to other places like Restore. He suggested proposing a policy similar to those already in existence such as waiving and/or reducing disposal fees for stores that recycle 50% of what they handle. The Board will discuss this with staff.

1ST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 2016-3 - TAX ON SALE OF MARIJUANA:

This is the time set for the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 2016-3, “In the Matter of Adopting a Tax on the Retail Sale of Marijuana Items within the Unincorporated Columbia County”. Robin gave a brief explanation of the ordinance. The adoption of this ordinance with be referred to the voters on the 11/8 election. With no objections, Robin gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-3. The second reading will be scheduled for 7/20/16.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 7/4/16.

- (B) Appoint John Andoh to the position of Transit Administrator effective July 18, 2016 and approve Personnel Action.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Ratify Amendment #1 to Grant Agreement No. 15-505 between Columbia County and the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management and authorize Chair to sign.
- (D) Local Agency Agreement Multimodal Transportation Enhance Program (MTEP) No. 30926 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Scappoose Park and Ride.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last week, the County held a “Farewell to Furloughs” luncheon. Columbia County is now getting back to being fully staffed and open 5 days per week.

Friday, Commissioner Hyde was in Astoria for the Regional Solutions Committee meeting to look at regional priorities for this year and where their focus will be.

He would like to bring up the success of the 4th of July events around the county including parades and fireworks and thank everyone for celebrating.

Yesterday, the Board attended the CEPA (Columbia Emergency Planning Association) meeting and talked about melding CEPA with LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and the Homeland Security Management Committee.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller added to Commissioner Hyde's comments about the furloughs. The Board would really like to thank the employees for working with them these past few years and what they have done to keep things going during staff cut backs and furlough days. It was very much appreciated.

He would like to remind everyone that the County Fair is coming soon at the Fairgrounds from July 20th-24th and Parmelee will be hosting a concert on July 16th (the Saturday before).

Tomorrow, he will be attending a NOHA (Northwest Oregon Housing Authority) meeting in Tillamook.

Special thanks to the City of St. Helens for the great fireworks show, activities on the waterfront like the Hit Machine concert, and the entire venue. He participated in the Clatskanie parade and had a lot of fun.

Henry talked about the number of DUI's handed out this weekend: 6 in St. Helens and 4 or 5 in Scappoose. Patrols will be intensified and officers have been trained to differentiate between alcohol use and marijuana use.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended the Scappoose Fire Department breakfast on the 4th of July and was here for the fireworks and concert. He commented on the success of both events.

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This morning, he attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting and met a speaker who works for Oregon State Rail Safety. The speaker elaborated on the incident at Mosier. Everyone has responded very well and Union Pacific is now working with the City of Mosier. Earl thought it was very interesting to learn about the specific details of the incident. Another discussion held earlier referred to marijuana use issues and the number of police sightings of DUI's for not only alcohol, but also for marijuana.

At the CEPA meeting, Jay Tappen was announced to have retired as of 7/1/16 as Fire Chief. Earl wanted to thank him for his many years of service. St Helens and Scappoose Fire Districts are looking to hire joint Chief.

He reiterated on the county getting rid of the furlough days and the sacrifices made by our employees during some very tough times.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th of July, 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

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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