

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 21, 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:**

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

**Robert Crain, County Code Enforcement Officer,** wanted to publicly thank Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher for their service and leadership to Columbia County and to wish them well in the future.

**Alta Lynch Scappoose:** She also wanted to thank Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher for all they have done, not just for the county but also for what both have done over the years for our veterans.

**Rory Hammond, 66350 Bishop Creek Road, Rainier:** Rory read his written comments into the regarding the transit system.

*He first wanted to describe his prejudices and background regarding public transportation. "When Lane Transit District came into being, it was financed via payroll tax. It was felt that commuters and customers would benefit from public transportation. The indirect beneficiaries (business) should pay for the service via a payroll tax. At the time LTD was started, he was the treasurer for a Union and they started paying quarterly payroll taxes. He thought it was a very good thing. At the time, TRIMET operated the same way. Today, many years later, I believe that Lane Transit and TRIMET have become big bureaucratic behemoths. I feel that the average tax payer has no local control and the districts do pretty much what they want.*

*Full disclosure, I was involved in the installation and setup of CC Riders computers and networking for the St. Helens Transit Center. My wife who is now retired was a CC Rider driver and I rode with her a few times when she drove St. Helens to Scappoose. I rode with her when CC Rider provided rides to the seniors for the Christmas lights and once when she did test runs from St. Helens to the Portland Saturday Market.*

*Michael Ray was very kind in forwarding me a link to a draft of the CC Rider Plan. I did read it, but am not sure how current it was because it had a draft date of October 2016. My first impression is that plan does not describe a strategy for the stated goal of "Public Transportation for All". It describes a transportation plan for the Poor, the Sick and the Dying. I was not able to attend the CC Rider meeting yesterday which was asking for plan input. Frankly, I didn't have any solutions to offer and there for I should not say anything.*

*We all know that CC Rider runs on grant money which is why CC Rider's primary focus is on the poor, sick and dying. The report was loaded with statistics about population density, people over 65, people with disabilities, people living in poverty and trip generators like commuter traffic, etc. We know that the County's low population density hurts costs. The performance measurement used for CC Rider appears to be how many trips it provides. Density has a direct connection with this measurement. I did not see how much it costs the taxpayers per trip, but in previous Board meetings, I did offer an estimate.*

*He is here today because yesterday he got a haircut in Rainier and, in the barber shop sat 7 people all retired. I asked if any of them rode CC Rider. The answer was not one. All of them felt it was good to help the less fortunate, and several didn't think that CC Rider service was cost effective.*

*All good institutions need measurable and meaningful goals. The people that run these institutions need to be accountable for the results.*

*The obstacles to CC Riders success is: Meaningful Goals, Funding, Measurable Results and Accountability:*

- 1) Meaningful Goals: Transportation for all - does all mean only the poor and sick. Does it mean 400 or 4000 people or more? Does it mean 1%, 5% or 50% of the County's population.*
- 2) Funding: How are we going to pay for it. Grant money, a transit district (which failed), rock tax (which failed twice), payroll tax or other sources?*
- 3) Measurable Results: Number of trips, cost per trip. How many people it serves, cars off the road.*
- 4) Accountability: How do we keep CC Rider focused and efficient? How do we keep it from becoming a bureaucratic behemoth?*

*My suggestion is to ask for a 5 year bond measure to fund CC Rider, with an ending 4<sup>th</sup> year goal of serving 5,000 people or 10% of the population. The goal also should meet so many trips a year at a unit cost of some dollar amount. If CC Rider does not perform, the accountability would be the non-renewal of the next bond request. I urge you to send this plan back to CC Rider and have them redo the plan. Have them come up with a concrete proposal with timelines and measurable results, not strategies.*

The Board thanked Rory for his comments. He made some very relevant points and observations and is pro-active in his thinking. Commissioner Hyde felt that Rory would be a good candidate for the Transit Advisory Committee.

### **HOLIDAY HOPE FOOD PROGRAM RESULTS:**

Todd Dugdale, is here today as a representative of the St. Helens Kiwanis Club, who sponsored the Holiday Hope Food Drive. This is their 88<sup>th</sup> year Kiwanis has been operating their food program, serving needy families in Columbia County. This year, 350 holiday meals were provided to 267 families that applied. These meals were also supplemented with peanut butter and jelly. This year, Columbia County employees gave 20% of those meals provided. Additionally, county employees donated 952 peanut butter & jelly items - by far the most of any other source. Of the 952, 717 of these items were donated by the Sheriff's Office/Jail employees and the winner of this years employee donation drive.

The Board thanked Sheriff Dickerson and his staff and presented him with the annual plaque, recognizing their department for the very generous donations made. Two years in a row now Thank you very much.

Sheriff Dickerson wanted to thank Todd for putting this event together. The plan for the Sheriff's office is to win again next year because the bottom line is feeding those who are in need.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-9 - NW AGGREGATES MAJOR MAP AMENDMENT:**

This came before the Board last week for deliberations. Robin stated that the Ordinance is now in final form and ready for formal action. With no objections, Robin read Ordinance No. 2016-9, by title only. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-9, "In the Matter of the Application of NW Aggregates Co. for a Major Map Amendment (Agricultural Resource) to Mineral and Aggregate Resource and Zone Change from Primary Agriculture - 80 Acres (PA - 80) to Surface Mining (SM) (Application No. PA 17-01 and ZC 17-01)". The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With the addition of Item (U), Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 12/19/16.

- (B) Cancel December 28, 2016 Board and Staff meetings.
- (C) Personnel Action for Michael Ray as Transit Administrator.
- (D) Approve Letter of Expectation to Michael Ray.
- (E) Authorize the recruitment of the Transit Coordinator position.
- (F) Plan of Action to Address Budget Appropriation Exceptions.
- (G) Order No. 47-2016, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property In Columbia City, Oregon and St. Helens, Oregon, to Community Action Team, Inc. Tax Map ID No. 5N1W28-AC-03400 and Tax Map ID No. 5N1W33-DD-8000".
- (H) Escrow Instructions for Transfer of Property to Community Action Team; Tax Map ID No. 5N1W33-DD-8000 and Tax Account No. 13640 located at N. 10th Street, St. Helens, Oregon and authorize Commissioner Heimuller to sign.
- (I) Supplemental Escrow Instructions for Transfer of Property to Community Action Team; Tax Map ID No. 5N1W33-DD-8000 and Tax Account No. 13640 located at N. 10th Street, St. Helens, Oregon and authorize Commissioner Heimuller to sign.
- (J) Settlement Statement for Transfer of Property to Community Action Team; Tax Map ID No. 5N1W33-DD-8000 and Tax Account No. 13640, located at N. 10th Street, St. Helens, Oregon and authorize Commissioner Heimuller to sign.
- (K) Escrow Instructions for Transfer of Property to Community Action Team; Tax Map ID No. 5N1W28-AC-03400 and Tax Account No. 14412, located at 1805 Fifth Street, Columbia City, Oregon, and authorize Commissioner Heimuller to sign.
- (L) Supplemental Escrow Instructions for Transfer of Property to Community Action Team; Tax Map ID No. 5N1W28-AC-03400 and Tax Account No. 14412, located at 1805 Fifth Street, Columbia City, Oregon, and authorize Commissioner Heimuller to sign.
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**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (N) Dog License Vendor Agreement with Companion Pet Clinic and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Dog License Vendor Agreement with Columbia Vet Clinic and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (P) First Amendment to Personal Services Contract with Correct Care Solutions LLC for Jail Medical and Mental Health Services.
- (Q) IGA #CA717924.01 with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division for ePermit System and Services.
- (R) Emergency Management Performance Grant No. 16-505 with the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (S) Quitclaim Deed to Columbia County to Community Action Team, Inc. Tax Map ID No. 5N1W28-AC-03400 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (T) Quitclaim Deed to Columbia County to Community Action Team, Inc., Tax Map ID No. 5N1W33-DD-8000 and authorize Chair to sign.
- (U) Approve Partition Plat for OHM Equity for Jameson Subdivision.

The motion carried unanimously.

**BALLOT COUNTER:**

Betty Huser, County Clerk, came before the Board to review the quotes she has received for the purchase of a new ballot counter. Commissioner Heimuller suggested Betty also check the State pricing on this. She will bring back a formal recommendation to the Board sometime in January.

**CORRECTED ORDER NO. 73-2016 - REIMBURSE HTC IMPACTS:**

Robin explained this is a corrected to add the event fee of \$300. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Corrected Order 73-2016, "In the Matter of Reimbursing Public Agencies in Columbia County for the Cost Impacts of the Hood to Coast Relay and Returning Remaining Deposit". The motion carried unanimously.;

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde wanted to say that it's been an honor and a privilege to serve Columbia County over the past of 20 years. He wouldn't trade those memories for anything. He can only hope that those who follow will have half the compassion on this job as he had. While going through his 20 years of files in his office, he was reminded and a bit surprised of all that he has done while in office.

He also commented that this county wouldn't be what it is without the great staff we have here.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller was on vacation last week so nothing to report. However he commented that this is the end of legacy for both Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher and it was a pleasure to serve with both. You will be missed.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as County Commissioner for the past 8 years. He also wanted to thank all of the staff that work so hard for this county, including all of the volunteers who donate their time for the betterment of Columbia County. He will leave behind a copy of the US Constitution and would encourage those who follow in these chairs to read it and always be aware of it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Litigation:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 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](http://www.co.columbia.or.us)

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Board Office Administrator