

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 10, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled work session at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh Board Secretary.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2009 Board meeting and November 4, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify Partition Plat for Elks Subdivision.
- (B) Approve Refund Request of TFT Custom Homes building permit fee of \$2,298.24.
- (C) Approve Refund Request of Columbia 911 Communications District permit fee of \$1,223.22.
- (D) Order No. 66-2009, "In the Matter of Appointing a New Administrator of the Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance".
- (E) Order No. 77-2009, "In the Matter of Extending the Time for Reduced Development Permit Fees for Victims of the 2007 Pacific Storm Event".
- (F) Order No. 78-2009, "In the Matter of Extending the Time for Waivers of Grade and Fill Permit Fees for Debris Removal Associated with Landslide Activity Following the 2007 Pacific Storm Event".

- (G) Extension Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Animal Impoundment Services and Reservation of Kennel Capacity and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Contract for FFY09 Project Grant (PJ-CFDA 97.029 with the Oregon Emergency Management Department and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) FEMA Model Statement of Assurances for Property Acquisition Project and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Residential Demolition and Deconstruction Public Services Contract with Reihl Excavating for demolition of 751 West Street, St. Helens, OR.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM PUBLIC HEALTH:

Commissioner Bernhard received a call from Public Health yesterday asking if it would be possible for the County to loan them some of Janet Wright's time to help work on the H1N1 situation. They are receiving a grant to pay the costs.

Commissioner Hyde suggested talking with Janet first to determine if she even has the time available and check with Public Health to see how much time is involved.

If they have the funding, perhaps they should just hire someone. Commissioner Bernhard will call Karen Ladd to see what all is involved before the Board takes any action on this.

JESSICA ELDER FOUNDATION:

The parents of Jessica Elder have set up a foundation in her memory and are doing a fundraiser at the Elks Lodge this weekend and invited the Board to attend.

The Board cannot attend due to prior commitments, but will allow the flyer to be posted in the Courthouse.

MEYER FOUNDATION GRANT APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to share information with the Board that Community Action Team has been awarded a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust in the amount of \$96,000 to support flood recovery efforts in Columbia County.

RED CROSS MEETING:

Commissioner Hyde just met with the new State Director and Regional Director of Red Cross. They had heard there were serious problems between Commissioner Hyde

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and the Red Cross. Commissioner Hyde had considered the idea of filing criminal charges against the Red Cross due to their actions during the flood event. There was a sizeable amount of money, in the millions, that was donated to the Red Cross, specifically for the Vernonia flood recovery. However, the Red Cross made the decision to forward those funds to Georgia. Commissioner Hyde was extremely upset with that decision and, since then, steps have been taken so this does not happen again.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher met with Sheriff Dickerson this morning regarding some of the details of the Enhanced Law Enforcement Committee. The plan is to hold the first meeting sometime in December. One of the issues discussed was the structure of the committee, selecting a chair and/or the hiring of a facilitator. Commissioner Hyde recently spoke with Mike Cook, who is a very effective facilitator and is available. Perhaps the Board could hire Mike for the first few meetings just to get things going. He will get Mike's contact information to Commissioner Fisher. Commissioner Fisher also spoke with Daryl at the Spotlight and understands he interviewed the Sheriff about this committee and that there will be an article in the paper this week.

On another subject, Sheriff Dickerson informed him that the department is already over budget on their overtime. This led to discussion on the increase in bed rentals and the disposition of that additional revenue.

Commissioner Fisher suggested the Board start looking at setting a date for the Board's retreat. It was determined to wait until the first of the year to schedule this.

USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Cooperative Service Agreement Trust Fund No. 09-73-41-5112-TF between Columbia County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection

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Service Wildlife Services and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT WITH OEM:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-OR Acquisition Addendum with the Oregon Emergency Management Department subject to County Counsel approval and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of November, 2009.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Chair

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Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner