

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 9, 2010

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled work session at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Fisher called the meeting to order.

UPDATE ON POWER OUTAGE:

Jean addressed the power outage in St. Helens that happened yesterday, effecting all county offices. There was a serious problem at the Jail facility when the power went out, leaving them without some crucial operating systems until sometime late in the evening. This could have been detrimental. When power was restored, it created a power surge resulting a loss of at least 1 server. Fortunately these types of problems are rare.

PROPOSAL FOR COMPENSATION TIME:

Jean Ripa presented the Board with a proposal regarding payment of compensatory time, as outlined in her memo dated 2/12/10. After reviewing how comp time effects actual costs of services, the cost liability to the county and comp time being accrued by grant funded positions, she outlined some policies the Board could adopt to limit comp time accrual and resulting liability to the county. Jean gave her policy recommendations for Board consideration and, if the Board is in agreement, these policies will need to be made effective soon as it will effect the upcoming budget. After discussion, there was Board consensus to direct Jean to draft policies for further review.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL:

Jean addressed issues with staffing and equipment levels in the IT department. The Board needs to start prioritizing what is added to the county computer system and consider hiring a half-time IT staff person.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d):

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

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th day of March, 2010.

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: _____ Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary

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