

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 18, 2010

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

ROAD HAZARD ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:

Robin has been working with Dave Hill to draft a Road Hazard Ordinance to prohibit the creation of road hazards on roads under Columbia County jurisdiction. An example is the log trucks that break down county roads. Dave was not present for discussion, however Robin has drafted an ordinance and presented it to the Board for their review. No action was taken at this time.

BOARD SCHEDULE FOR MAY 19, 2010:

The Board reviewed their schedule for tomorrow: Board meeting at 10:00 am.; OSU Budget meeting at 12:00 noon; meeting with Dave Rule, PCC at 1:00 p.m.; and Budget meeting at 2:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board has been invited to attend the Columbia County NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) workshop on June 3, 2010. They are developing strategic plans for each county statewide and seeking input. Commissioner Hyde stated that the NRCS has done so much for this county and feels the Board should attend this workshop.

Commissioner Hyde stated that has the opportunity to attend the final review of projects under the *ConnectOregon* Title III on June 9, 2010 and he will be attending.

Commissioner Hyde spoke with Andrew Neimi, Lower Columbia Engineering, about the county's RFP process. Commissioner Hyde suggested holding a workshop with all county staff who would be involved with any RFP projects to review the procedures and Board philosophy. Discussion held on the importance of considering local

contractors, considering all legalities. Commissioner Fisher understands that someone is currently working on a policy that perhaps our County can use as a model.

Commissioner Fisher was out on Hermo Road yesterday and he suggested that the other Commissioners make that trip, but take a truck. The road is awful to drive on and he will be talking with Dave Hill about this tomorrow.

Commissioner Fisher has been working on some health issues, specifically with Columbia County becoming a FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center). If we qualify, the reimbursement can be doubled. The county has been declared as a medically underserved county and is qualified for funding. He will be meeting with the different cities in Columbia County on the details and effects. Lengthy discussion ensued.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of May, 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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary