

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller.

Others present: Robin McIntyre, Todd Dugdale, Dave Hill, Peter Tassoni, John Svenson, Tom Morrow.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

JOHN SVENSON - LID DISCUSSION:

Tony Morrow and John Svenson, property owners on Birch Lane, Clatskanie, were present to discuss the potential to develop an LID to pave Birch Lane. The street is about 600 feet long with approximately 10 residences. Tony mentioned that the Road Department's initial cost estimate is approximately \$25,000 for a two-inch overlay, but this does not include driveway approaches. Dave stated that a more detailed cost estimate would be made after the area residents sign a petition asking for certain road improvements. Dave encouraged that the petition state how the property owners wish to have the project costs assessed to each property. Tony stated that all but two residents are supportive of the project, even after hearing the estimated costs, but their concern is with the interest rate on the payments. It is understood that the County can set the number of years for repayment and the interest rate. Tony was concerned that a high interest rate would not be very attractive and asked that the Board set a low interest rate. Commissioner Fisher indicated that the County would look into what a

reasonable interest rate would be and get that information back to Tony. At this point, the area residents will continue with the intentions of having the road paved next summer.

PGE PORT WESTWARD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT:

Robin presented the Board with Amendment #1 to the Transportation Improvement Agreement (TIA) with PGE for the Port Westward generation facility, which the Board approved in concept on 7/20/11 and which PGE has now signed. Robin explained that a recent press release issued by PGE indicated that through the PUC required RFP process, a third party could own and construct PGE's second power plant at Port Westward. Because that scenario isn't contemplated by the TIA, it could make payment terms in the TIA ambiguous, since payment is triggered when PGE commences development. Robin advised that the County propose a revision to the agreement to clarify that payment is triggered upon the commencement of development. The Board agreed that the amended language be presented to PGE.

BCX, INC - PAST DUE DEPLETION FEE COLLECTION:

Todd Dugdale updated the Board on the past due depletion fees owed by BCX, Inc. for materials removed from Dibblee Point. Knife River has submitted signed documentation to the county confirming their payment of depletion fees for material purchased from BCX, Inc. The next step would be to prepare a payment agreement with BCX for payment of the remaining \$13,508.59. After discussion, County Counsel was directed to prepare the payment agreement with BCX, for the remaining \$13,508.59 in outstanding fees (after \$15,000 in payments previously submitted by BCX are credited) and noting that a 10% annualized interest rate would be applied to the outstanding balance on the due date for monthly payments.

EOC PROJECT UPDATE:

Peter Tassoni presented a draft letter to FEMA Region 10 for clarification on the match

and reimbursement charges related to the FY2010 EOC grant awarded to Columbia County in partnership with the CRF&R Board and Fire Chief. Upon approval, the letter would be signed by CRF&R Board President, Commissioner Hyde, CRF&R Fire Chief Jay Tappen and the EM Director. After a revision to the budget on page 5 suggested by Commissioner Heimuller, ***Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the letter and Chair signature, after the CRF&R Board President and Jay Tappen have signed. The motion carried unanimously.***

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th day of January, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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