

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2012

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

Others present: Sarah Hanson, Jeff Dickerson, Janet Wright, Jean Ripa.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

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.

AGREEMENT WITH PGE FOR INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Sarah Hanson and Jeff Dickerson was present for discussion. The Sheriff addressed his proposal to enter into a contract with PGE for enhanced law enforcement services. After discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the agreement between Columbia County and PGE for the Delivery of Enhanced law Enforcement Services and authorized the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.*

DISPATCH & SCHEDULING SOFTWARE CONTRACT:

Janet Wright presented information regarding the RFP process for the Dispatch and Scheduling software purchase for the new transit center. There were four (4) responsive bidders and the review committee interviewed all proposers. As a result, the interview committee felt that CTS Software Inc. was the most suited for the project. After discussion, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to direct staff to begin negotiations for a contract with CTS Software, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.*

TRANSIT CENTER UPDATE:

While present, Janet gave the Board an update on the Transit Center project, indicating that the rail spur IGA was sent to the City of St. Helens and we are awaiting their review and approval. The P&W rail is working with us to complete the Oregon Street and crossing switch improvements within the previously stated price. No word on the Flex Fund grant, however the OTC will be meeting in February.

Janet also discussed her intent to apply for ODOT funding for a camera surveillance system at the Transit Center. Janet will continue to keep the Board updated.

TOURISM:

Doreen Kikenberg came before the Board to talk about tourism in Columbia County. She volunteers her time to community events and suggested some ways to possibly increase the lodging tax to enhance tourism in the county.

RESOLUTION OF VARIOUS PERSONNEL ISSUES:

Jean Ripa reminded the Board that they still have two department heads who are in interim status. She noted that the Board had no obligation or particular time line that they had to comply with but that she would simply be checking in with them on the issue every few months. Given the volatility of the current funding situation, the Board

indicated that they did not feel it would be responsible to make a decision regarding the interim status until they were further along in the budget process. Jean stated that both of the interims were originally given the expectation that it might be after the budget process before there was a resolution to their position status. She will touch base with the Board on this again in a couple of months.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st day of February, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh