

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

**February 15, 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, Robin McIntyre, Jim Tierney and Ken Cox.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property:**

The Board cancelled the Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e).

**FEMA FUNDING FOR VERNONIA SCHOOL PROJECT:**

Jim Tierney, Community Action Team, and Ken Cox, Vernonia School Superintendent, were present to discuss the FEMA funding for the Vernonia School project. County staff Bill Potter, Todd Dugdale, and Sarah Hanson were also present to discuss budget issues related to the new school project. The School District is requesting that the County agree to release funds from the Spencer Park escrow account to allow them to proceed with construction pending other financing. Jim Tierney indicated that the numbers provided by the School District are still loose estimates as the Spencer Park Project has not yet been bid. He recommended that Bill Potter be loaned to the School District for assistance with project management and budgeting. Ken Cox indicated he is willing to investigate how Bill Potter could be useful to the project. Commissioner Hyde moved to reduce escrow funds to the School District held pending construction of Spencer Park to \$501,528. Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Board directed Sarah Hanson to prepare an amendment to the escrow instructions.

**AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ST. HELENS FOR ARTISTIC BIKE RACK:**

Robyn McIntyre presented the Board with the draft license and maintenance agreement for the artistic bike rack proposed by the St. Helens Arts and Cultural Commission. Robin sought feedback on the terms and conditions and whether they addressed the Board's concerns. Commissioner Fisher recommended that the agreement include a condition that bikes not be allowed to extend into the right of way. Robin will prepare the agreement for review and approval by the Arts Commission.

**FUTURE FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

Held over.

*[The Board recessed the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in Room 331. Present were Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Heimuller. Others Present: Sarah Hanson, Robin McIntyre, Jean Ripa, Dave Hill, Lonny Welter, Todd Dugdale, and Roy Weedman].*

### **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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING**

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.

### **EVERSOLE LANE LEGALIZATION**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, presented information about additional property ownership conflicts on Eversole Lane. Light fencing has been placed close the edge of Eversole Lane on property owned by the Boyds. Many residents have complained that the fencing is a hazard to travel in that their vehicles may come in contact with the fencing. This section of Eversole Lane is outside the right-of-way as shown on the maps presented, as well as about 1/8th mile of the road beyond this area. The Board voted to initiate proceedings to "legalize" this section of the roadway. Robin will develop an order to formalize this action.

### **EILERTSON CREEK CROSSING (HAZARD MITIGATION) PROJECT - WOODSON**

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, discussed recent issues regarding the Woodson project. The right-of-way was surveyed and the survey shows that the right-of-way that was intended to be used for a new alignment of the County Road is up the hillside and not useable for roadway. Therefore, considerably more right-of-way would need to be purchased from the Roubal property. The County is in the process of acquiring three other properties in this area through the Hazard Mitigation program, however the Roubal property has been contentious. Without adequate right-of-way for this project, and the likelihood that the Roubal property will not be resolved anytime soon, and that Ron Kroop from ODOT is no longer involved in helping from ODOT's perspective, and that FEMA is anxious to have the County complete the project, Dave mentioned that he intends to abandon the idea of rerouting the roadway, and going back to plan one which is putting a large culvert in the stream. Hopefully one large enough that will accommodate any future debris flow in the stream. The Board

concurring that this was appropriate.

**COST REDUCTION PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF HHW GENERATED SHARPS CONTAINERS**

LDS Director Todd Dugdale and Solid Waste Program Coordinator Roy Weedman reviewed staff's proposal to begin hauling HHW medical sharps to the end recycler in Brooks, Oregon. This approach will eliminate the need for our current sharps contractor and will save an estimated \$1500 per year. This was for Board advice and consent only and required no formal action. The Board concurred with the staff proposal.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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