

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 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, Dave Hill.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

IGA WITH CHD:

*Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and Columbia Health District, Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.*

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION:

Sarah Hanson was present to discuss a property tax invoice received from Knife River on the firing range property. The invoice in the amount of \$16,980.99 reflects taxes paid on the firing range property for the last four years. County staff was not aware that taxes were being paid by Knife River until the invoice was received in January. The County is entitled to an exemption because we are tax exempt, however, the tax exemption requires an application. Sarah presented the Board with the application for exemption going back 4 years and it will also cover future years. After discussion and review, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Application for Real and Personal Property Tax Exemption for Tax Account #*

*43515 and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.*

**REQUEST FOR TRAVEL TO UASI CONFERENCE:**

*With the understanding that UASI will be covering all costs, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the out of state travel for Lorraine Churchill to attend the UASI 2012 WebEOC Conference in Denver, Colorado, 4/30/12 thru 5/3/12. The motion carried unanimously.*

**RESOLUTION - OREGON REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL AREA:**

This item was pulled and carried over to a date uncertain.

**CEDAR SPRINGS/HUBER ROAD INTERSECTION ROW:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, presented information on the Cedar Springs/Huber Road intersection right-of-way issue. Cedar Springs Drive currently crosses the corner of a property at the intersection of Huber Road. Ms. Caruso, the property owner, is complaining that motorists are traveling across her property to access Cedar Springs Drive and that they continue to encroach further and further onto her property. She would like the road moved off of her property. Dave explained that Cedar Springs Drive is a 25 foot right-of-way and the standard for a public road surface is 26 feet. It would not be possible to build our standard road within the current right-of-way width, even without considering the slopes of the bank. Dave suggested a possibility would be to move the road over as far as possible, but that still would not be enough to move the entire road off of this property. After discussion, the Board decided that the road should remain in place where it is currently located and that discussion should be made with the affected property owner to drop the issue and let it stand as it currently exists, or the County could initiate the legalization process to make the existing road surface a legal public right-of-way. Dave will discuss these options with the property owner.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:**

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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.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Greenhalgh