

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel.

Others present: Betty Huser, Janet Wright, Todd Dugdale, Roy Weedman, Glen Higgins.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- The Board informed Todd that a complaint was received from a member of the public that the large flag was not flying on Memorial Day nor was it flying on Flag Day. This matter has come up before and the Board understood that there was a policy/schedule in place to ensure that the flag was raised for certain holidays/events. Todd stated that there is a policy in place and will take steps to ensure that the large flag is flown as outlined in the policy.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Betty Huser briefly informed the Board that the County Clerks office will no longer be staffed on Fridays. Because the courthouse is closed to the public on Fridays anyway, she has adjusted her staff's hours to allow the office to be closed "every" Friday. The Board will be taking action on an Order next week to formalize the Clerks office hours and recording limitations.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Janet Wright was present to discuss two planning grants that were awarded at the beginning of the biennium. One was the business development plan project and the other was the Scappoose Park N Ride project. After discussion, the Board authorized Janet to move forward with both projects that were budgeted for the 2012-13 fiscal year.
- The Board approved Janet's request to be excluded from having to take furlough days with the caveat that she could pay for those 6 days from the transit budget. Janet indicated that she could use the 5311 funds, as they have been increased by approximately \$18k and that was more than adequate to cover the 2.3% cut.
- Janet addressed the transit driver issues at the Rainier transit station, dealing with the building being open to the public so that riders could wait inside the building, when the drivers are there. She would ask that County Counsel look at the legalities of this. Commissioner Hyde suggested that Janet write to the contractor regarding the status of that building.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:

Todd Dugdale and Roy Weedman were present to provide the Board with background information on the proposed amendment to Section 4.04 of the Solid Waste Ordinance submitted by Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) member Michael Sheehan. Staff noted that SWAC has decided on a process for the development of a SWAC recommendation. After review and discussion, the Board agreed that this proposal be remanded back to the SWAC for their full committee recommendation.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE RATE ADJUSTMENTS:

While present, Todd and Roy informed the Board of the recent requests by Waste Management and Waste Connections for solid waste collection rate adjustments

consistent with the County's detailed cost report and acceptable rate of return policies. Staff noted that a public hearing is required and has been scheduled for July 11, 2012. No further action is necessary at this time.

PETITION TO RENAME PUBLIC ROAD:

Todd reviewed a request by Mary Beth Sevigny to rename Trevor Way to one of three possible new names. Based on the recommendation of staff and review agencies, there was Board consensus to rename Trevor Way to Copperhead Drive. The Board then directed staff to prepare an order for final consideration and action.

LARRY BOND CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Todd Dugdale and Robin McIntyre reported on the complaint made by Larry Bond to the Board on code enforcement actions. Todd briefed the Board on the actions that have been initiated regarding un-permitted buildings on Larry Bond's property in Clatskanie. Further updates to follow.

The Board recessed the meeting and reconvened on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Heimuller present. Along with Robin McIntyre; Todd Dugdale and Erin O'Connell.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

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

The Board immediately 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 20th day of June, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

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