

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller. Others present were Sarah Hanson, Cynthia Zemaitis, Jan Greenhalgh.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

ATM CONTRACT:

This matter was pulled from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF VACATION PAYOUT:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve 80 hours of vacation leave payout for Rick Katterman. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MASS GATHERING & PUBLIC ROAD EVENT ORDINANCES:

Cynthia Zemaitis and Sarah Hanson were present to discuss general issues/concerns with regards to the Columbia County Mass Gathering Ordinance and the Public Road Event Ordinance and reviewed possible changes the Board wants to see to these two ordinances. Cynthia stated that the Board had previously discussed appointing a task force to come up with recommendations. She asked if that is still the intention of the Board and, if so, what specifics will this task force be asked to do.

Commissioner Heimuller wants to see the permit fees looked at because he doesn't feel

they are high enough to cover the staff time spent on these events. Another big issue is not having a high enforcement ability.

Commissioner Fisher made some suggestions on how to get these matters before the Board long before the events are planned for. There is a need for stricter timelines.

Commissioner Hyde suggested having promoters post some type of bond and inserting penalties for non-compliance with conditions of the permit. He also suggested that the State Forester sign off on any permits, as opposed to the Fire Chiefs, because the ordinances are not in effect in most cities.

Discussion was then held on identifying individuals for this task force and it was determined that the following would be good candidates: David Teuscher; Jennifer Crawford; Wendy Peterson Ingraham; Britt Steele; John Hanken; Lisa Edgar and representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police. It was agreed that Jan Greenhalgh send a letter to these individuals inviting them to join the task force and to provide dates on when they might be able to meet with the Board to go over the scope of items to look at and a timeline for the task force's recommendation.

BOARD STAFF POSITION:

The Board reviewed the job description originally prepared by Jan for the Board Office Administrator and agreed with that version and reiterated their decision to designate this position as exempt. Formal action will be taken at the next Board meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of October, 2012.

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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Recording Secretary

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh