

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

ANIMAL CONTROL COSTS FOR CATTLE:

Sheriff Dickerson was present to request that County Counsel's costs for work related to the cattle issue be removed from the Animal Control's administrative allocation for next year. The Board agreed this would be appropriate and Commissioner Heimuller will work with Sarah and Jennifer on the details.

INSURANCE AGENT(S) OF RECORD:

Risk Management Committee members Jean Ripa, Jennifer Cuellar, Todd Dugdale and Sarah Hanson presented the Board with a recommendation on contract renewals for insurance agents of record. The contract with Beecher Carlson, current Property/Liability Insurance Agent of Record, is up for renewal in April 2013. The committee has worked closely with Beecher for the past two years and is extremely impressed with their level of service. The committee would recommend that the Board extend the contract with Beecher for (4) years.

Additionally, the contract with Wells Fargo, Health Insurance Agent of Record, is up for renewal May 2013. Their representative, Greg O'Hanlon, has been invaluable in working with the Health Benefits Committee and his expertise is vital in handling the difficult options the County faces in relation to health care. The committee would recommend the Board renew the contract with Wells Fargo for (2) years.

After discussion on both, Commissioner Heimuller asked that the committee inquire if Beecher would be willing to give the County a fee reduction for a four year contract as opposed to a two year contract. Jennifer will make the contact and get back to the Board.

As for the recommendation on renewing with Wells Fargo and directed Sarah to prepare the contract for final review and approval.

CIS GRANT FUNDS:

Sarah explained that the County is eligible to receive risk management grant funds from CIS in the amount of \$9,300 for the purpose of funding equipment or services that reduce the county's risk and resulting liability claims. The funds must be spent by the end of the fiscal year. The Risk Management Committee has considered several options for the use of these funds and would recommend that the county apply for the grant to be used as follows: \$8,000 for review of the Sheriff's Office policies and procedures. Given the PLN case, it is imperative that these be reviewed for compliance with Oregon and Federal Law. While this won't likely cover the entire review, it will be a good start and would be used to fund outside legal review. The remaining \$1,300 would be used to purchase training videos and materials for use county wide. After some discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorized the Risk Management Committee to apply for the CIS grant funds. The motion carried.*

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.

STATE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CONTRACT DISCUSSION:

Sarah Hanson, Jean Ripa and Jennifer Cuellar met with the Board to discuss the Financial Assistance Agreement for Developmental Disabilities #134270-1. Sarah explained that

the State has requested a new mid-term contract and that the contract is problematic in several respects. The County and State are still operating under the existing contract. Staff is recommending that the Board reject the proposed amendment. After some discussion, ***Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to reject the Amended and Restated First Amendment to the 2011-2013 Intergovernmental Agreement #134270 with DHS. The motion carried.***

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of February, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____ Not present

Anthony

Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator