

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

DRUG COURT HOUSING GRANT:

Judge Grove, Sue Hill and Bryan Farrell, Oregon State Courts, came before the Board, along with Jim Tierney of Community Action Team, to discuss the OJJDP FY 2013 Family Drug Court grant. Judge Grove had reviewed this with earlier with the Board at the morning session, after which the Board felt more information was needed on the management of the grant. Jim was present to confirm that CAT will provide the administration for this grant, to the extent the County would want. After lengthy review and discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize the grant application for the OJJDP FY 2013 Family Drug Court and authorize Commissioner Fisher to sign, with the contingency that if the grant is awarded, the County has the option to decline the funding. The motion carried unanimously.*

CZ LOGGING ROAD - RECREATIONAL FACILITY DESIGNATION:

Cynthia Zemaitis and Robin McIntyre were present to discuss the City of Scappoose's request that the County approve a resolution before Jon Hanken will take the County's request to consent to the Recreational Facility designation to the City Counsel for their approval. Discussion was held on the 1996 MOU and the parties' intent to insure the trail continued to Chapman Landing, even though the City would use a portion of the logging road for a roadway. Commissioner Hyde felt that a meeting with Mr. Hanken

might be the best way to reach accord on this and asked that Cynthia schedule a meeting. Staff should bring this back to the Board in two weeks.

SURPLUS PROPERTIES AUCTION:

Cynthia wanted to inform the Board that they have an opportunity to look into transferring 2 county owned houses to Community Action Team or some other non-profit for low income housing. Sarah Hanson conducted research and determined that, since we received these properties through foreclosure, we can only accomplish this by designating the properties as county forest, park or recreational facility and then hold a hearing or an election on the transfer. Sarah further clarified her findings. Cynthia inquired whether the Board would like to sell these properties, and other, by auction. The houses are deteriorating and someone is breaking the windows in the house in Columbia City. Discussion was held on the economy and the pending legislation where all monies from land and gas sales would go to the county general fund. Commissioner Fisher suggested that we wait to see what the legislation does before considering an auction.

The Board agreed but instructed Cynthia to begin preparations for an auction and take steps to get the house in Columbia City boarded up. Commissioner Hyde stated that they would want to take a careful look at any property considered for sale before an auction is scheduled.

TERMINATE SMITH & HENDRYX LEASE:

Lastly, Cynthia has drafted a letter terminating the lease with Smith & Hendryx that the county entered into to site the FEMA trailers for use by the Unmet Needs Committee during the flood relief efforts. Commissioner Hyde stated that, at one point, the Sheriff was considering these trailers for use at the firearms range. Sarah indicated that she has been in contact with Undersheriff Moyer who, to her understanding, is determining what it would take to move the trailers. It was agreed to wait on terminating the lease until hearing back from the Sheriff's Office.

DAN MAY - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF HARDSHIP & OTHER FEES:

Commissioner Heimuller pulled this item from the consent agenda this morning for some further discussion. After additional review and discussion, no formal action was taken by the Board.

OPTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SELF-HAUL:

Todd Dugdale and Robin McIntyre were present to discuss options for the solid waste amendments being considered by the Board for “self-hauling”. Robin reviewed the results of a survey of other County Solid Waste Ordinance provisions addressing the self haul issue. Todd explained that all of the ordinances had very similar language which included a general prohibition against persons hauling solid waste for compensation without a franchise from the County and a list of general and specific exceptions for certain persons/activities for which self haul is allowed. After review and discussion, the Board directed staff to prepare draft amendments which incorporate those common provisions used by other counties for consideration at their 4/3/13 Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d):

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.

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

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go back into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

JENNIFER CUELLAR - BUDGET REVIEW:

Jennifer Ceullar, Finance Director, came before the Board to review the most updated figures in the FY 2013-14 County budget. After review and discussion, Jennifer was given direction on how to proceed to balance the budget.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th day of March, 2013.

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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