

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2013

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

MEETING WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

The Board met with Jean Ripa and employee union representatives Pam Benham, Erin O'Connell and Trin Monahan on various issues. Commissioner Fisher asked if there were any comments or concerns with the new parking arrangements around the Courthouse. All reported that employees and the public were getting used to it and it seemed to be working well.

Commissioner Hyde reported on the current status of timber funding and the State budget. Erin asked about a County based plan for funding. There was discussion about the tax system and how hard it was to raise taxes or even charge property owners the amount expected and passed in a levy. The suggestion was made to invite Sue Martin to give a talk to employees about how property tax assessments work.

Both Commissioner Fisher and Hyde talked about how important it is to increase the overall assessed value of the County through economic development. While residences cost more to services than they provide in taxes, businesses are the opposite.

AOC WEB-CONFERENCE:

The Board moved the meeting to the Riverview Room to participate in an AOC web conference with other Oregon counties to discuss the Governor's Budget and the impacts to local governments.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh,
Board Office Administrator