

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 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.

BEECHER CARLSON CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Sarah Hanson and Jean Ripa met with the Board to discuss the Beecher Carlson agreement which is up for renewal. Sarah presented a memo to the Board outlining the Risk Management Committee's recommendation to extend the contract for the remaining four terms. The RFP was issued for a six year contract. After review and discussion on the recommendation, the Board directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Beecher Carlson contract for 4 years for consideration.

BARTON ROAD MHP SEPTIC SYSTEM:

Todd Dugdale and Environmental Specialist Erin O'Connell reviewed the history of septic system problems at the River's Edge Mobile Home Park on Barton Road in Rainier. Staff advised the Board that the County Health Officer had declared a public health hazard on four spaces at the MHP of which two are occupied units. Pursuant to the Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, staff will be issuing a Notice to Vacate. This is informational only and no action needed by the Board.

DEPLETION FEE/TRANSPORTATION FEE FOR MINE RECLAMATION:

Todd Dugdale addressed the Board on the recent public contacts with his office and the local press concerning the depletion fee program. In particular, there have been

questions concerning whether the material being transported into the County to reclaim the Scappoose Sand & Gravel pit in Scappoose is subject to the County's transportation fee. Although no formal action has been taken on the matter, the Board concurred with the current approach of not charging the fee for mine reclamation activities. It was noted that if this becomes an issue in the future, the Board may consider an amendment to the ordinance to clarify this interpretation.

The issue of whether the transportation fee would be applicable to coal import was briefly discussed. If coal is verified to be naturally occurring in Columbia County, the transportation fee would be applicable to coal imports, such as those which may go to a proposed coal terminal at Port Westward. Another question is whether the fee would be applicable to material transported through the County and not actually placed or used within the County (only changed from one mode of transportation to another). Discussion only at this time and no action was taken.

EOC PROJECT UPDATE:

The Board asked Sarah for some information on what constitutes a significant change in a public improvement project scope under ORS 279C.340. Sarah reported that there is no case law concerning the applicable statute. However, the administrative rule clarifies that a change is significant if the pool of competition would have been greater if the changes had been made at the outset of the solicitation. This is a question that should be answered after negotiations but before a contract is awarded. Todd Dugdale reported that Facilities staff will be meeting with the low bidder on the EOC construction project on Monday.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd day of April, 2013.

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