

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2013

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RDPO:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve a letter of support for the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) project. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

FEMA TRAILERS DISPOSITION:

Cynthia Zemaitis came before the Board to seek direction on this disposition of the FEMA trailers received in connection with the flood relief program. Commissioner Heimuller stated that Dan Brown was supposed to be checking with contractors on what they might offer for the trailers. Cynthia e-mailed Dan for an update but has not yet received a response. Commissioner Heimuller stated that Mark Kuhn, the proposed auctioneer, thought that we might be able to get \$10,000 per trailer at auction. At this point, the consensus was to just put

them up for auction unless a reasonable offer is received prior to the scheduled auction date.

AMENDMENT TO NWOTA AGREEMENT:

Janet Wright, CC Rider Director, came before the Board to discuss an amendment to the Northwest Oregon Transit Alliance IGA as a result of the close out of the USDOE grant in August 2013. The County is currently the administrator of the USDOE grant and the grant is ending so in order to continue the organization and allow for management of future funding, the agreement must be amended. This will allow us to meet the current ORS 190 rules and regulations in establishing the NWOTA as its own independent legal entity and fiscal agent and also rename the organization to be called the NW Oregon Connector Alliance (NWOCA). The question to the Board is whether we want to continue participating when we have no money to contribute. Janet believes there is a benefit in continuing to be a part of the organization, however the Board indicated that they would need to know who would be appointed as administrator after the county's responsibility under the grant has ended. Janet will bring this back before the Board once she has received the final version.

WARRENTON TO LONGVIEW ROUTE:

While present, Janet discussed the intercity route that Sunset Empire Transportation is proposing from Warrenton to Longview. The Board indicated that Janet should attend the public hearing on this matter to provide testimony on Columbia County's concern.

CZ TRAIL PARKING IN THE CHAPMAN AREA:

Dave Hill and Tristan Wood, Road Department, came before the Board to report on their meeting with William Holdner, Jane Baum and Rosemary Lohrke at the site of the proposed CZ Trail parking area. Mr. Holdner expressed great concern with the construction of a parking area at this location. Those concerns include, among other things, the danger to his cattle, people trespassing on his property

and litter. He would like us to look at a different location, however, if it is sited there, he would demand that it be minimal size, a very tall fence be installed. He also stated that he would most likely file for adverse possession for the property that he has been using for years and he would turn the county into DLS for filling wetlands. The Board considered this input but were unanimous in their consent to continue the plans to construct the parking lot at this location and not limit the plans because it is likely that this parking lot will get a lot of use. Dave mentioned that Tristan has a meeting scheduled with DSL. Dave will also be sending another letter to the property owners explaining that the Board has reviewed the plans and needs for the area and believe it is in the best interest of the public to continue with the plans to construct the parking area at the proposed location. He noted that work on this project should begin in mid to late August.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SHEPARD QUARRY:

While present, Dave updated the Board on prior discussions about exploring the Shepard Quarry property of 9 acres, to determine if we could mine rock from this site in an effort to save on expenses. Dave had requested proposals from consultants to manage the timber harvest on this property and received only one response from Woodland Management. A portion of the harvest operation would be to dig test holes on the property to determine the depth of suitable rock for mining and then a decision would be made if it is economical to mine the rock. Dave presented a contract with Woodland Management for Board review and approval which has already been reviewed by Counsel. It was noted that Woodland Management has consistently performed good work in managing timber harvest for the County in the past. After some discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with Woodland Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of July, 2013.

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By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

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