

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 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.

ROUTE OPTIONS FOR CZ TRAIL CONNECTION TO BANKS-VERNONIA TRAIL:

Glen Crinklaw, Assistant Public Works Director, presented 4 route options for connecting the CZ Trail right-of-way to the Vernonia city limits. The options were presented by showing the route and the level of difficulty with obtaining the needed right-of-way and trail construction. Commissioner Hyde suggested that the option showing extension of the CZ Trail along Pebble Creek Mainline to Coon Creek Road had the greatest potential for obtaining the needed right-of-way. The route travels across Weyerhaeuser property and a well maintained road bed exists. After discussion, Glen was directed to research non-maintained county owned right-of-way(s) for property trade potential.

CHANGES TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Sheriff Dickerson, Roger Kadell and Betty Huser were present to discuss proposed changes to the County Enforcement Ordinance that would enable fines for dog violations to be written under the county ordinance at reduced rates. Additional requests were made for adjustments to licensing the late fees for dog owners, as well as changing the date of the license renewal to match that of the rabies renewal date. The Board was generally in support of the proposal and directed staff to prepare the necessary paperwork to reflect these changes. Direction was also given to send notice to all concerned parties of when this will be considered by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMPLOYMENT:

Jean Ripa and Sarah Hanson met with the Board to discuss next step actions for the public health contract changes. Sarah reported that the three party agreement between the County, OHA and the Foundation was approved today. We have until December 1st to implement the contract through contract changes with the Foundation.

Sarah provided the Board with proposed revisions to the existing contract with the Foundation. Jean and Sarah also discussed the potential employment and practical problems with a joint employment relationship. No action was taken at this time.

BENEFITS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:

Jean presented the Board with a proposed order implementing revised benefits to be made available to non-represented employees. The Board agreed with this proposal and directed staff to add the final order to the next consent agenda for approval.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th day of September, 2013.

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh
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Earl Fisher, Commissioner