

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 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.

EXTENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CASCADE:

Sue Martin, County Assessor, met briefly with the Board to review the discussion held during the morning session with regards to the Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Cascade Tissue. She has reviewed the document and expressed no concerns with signing it as Zone Manager.

ROAD DEPARTMENT - LOG TRUCK SAFETY PRESENTATION:

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter presented the Board with a brochure that has been prepared to bring to the attention of motorists that, when they see a "long load" or "oversized load" sign, that they should take heed of that warning and be very careful around such loads. Motorists also need to be aware that the tail swing of long pole trucks can swing out, sometimes half way or more, into an adjacent lane. A powerpoint presentation was also given regarding this subject. The intent is to place the brochure and powerpoint on the Road Department website and to distribute the information to schools and school bus services with the possibility of making presentations to classrooms around the county. In summary, the intent to make motorists aware of the potential hazard. There was also discussion on the law that only requires a rear pilot vehicle when the rear overhang is in excess of 25 feet. The brochure demonstrates that a 25 foot overhang will still swing into the adjacent lane at intersections and on very sharp corners. Dave mentioned that the Road Advisory Committee recommends that the County request the law to be changed to state that if a vehicle and the load of the

vehicle cannot remain within the lane of travel, then a rear pilot vehicle must also be required. The Board stated that they would be interested in hearing from the timber industry and long pole drivers on this issue before making any decision on whether or not to pursue this.

After discussion, the Board gave their full consent to having this information placed on the Road Department website and to distribute the information as discussed.

PROCESS FOR PORT OF HELENS ZONE CHANGE HEARING:

Robin McIntyre and Sarah Hanson discussed the hearing process for the Port of St. Helens Zone Change hearing scheduled for tonight. Should it become necessary, the Board set the continuation date of this hearing to Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:30 pm, Clatskanie High School. Jan Greenhalgh confirmed that the high school auditorium is available for that day. The Board discussed the hearing procedure and also made the decision to end the hearing tonight at 9:30 pm.

AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CASCADE:

Sarah address the Amended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Cascade Tissue. The Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) Administrator has negotiated the agreement. Each zone sponsor must approve it by resolution. Sue Martin has reviewed the agreement and is prepared to sign it upon approval of the zone sponsors.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of September, 2013.

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