

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 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.

JAIL OPERATING LEVY:

The Board discussed their options as a result of the Jail Operating Levy failing, the future of the facility and the law enforcement staff. The Board will send a letter to the Sheriff/Jail staff to explain the situation and to help ease their concerns.

PORT WATER RATE STUDY:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Jennifer Cuellar and Sarah Hanson were present to discuss the results of the meeting with the Port held Friday, November 1, 2013, to discuss the water rate study. A summary of the County's and CCDA's concerns about the study was given. The Port was cooperative at the meeting and will attempt to address our concerns.

STAFF REPORT ON POSH ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION:

The Board reviewed conditions in the previously distributed staff report in preparation for the upcoming deliberation for the subject request next Wednesday, November 13th. Several issues and possible responses were discussed including the need to address resource issues raised concerning the Thompson property, potential impacts if coal related industry is permitted in the subject area, ways to address potential rail impacts of industrial development under the proposal, and the SB 766 process.

SUPPORT NW OREGON HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

Sarah reviewed the agreement to support the NW Oregon Regional Rehabilitation program submitted by Community Action Team and would recommend approval. With that, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Agreement in Support of the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.*

2013-15 MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENT REP PROGRAM:

After final review and discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the letter of authorization for CCMH to apply for funding through the 2013-15 Mental Health Investment RFP program. The motion carried unanimously.*

ENTERPRISE ZONE MANAGEMENT:

Chuck Daughtry with Columbia County Economic Team met with the Board to discuss two Enterprise Zone matters. The first matter discussed was the zone manager designation for both the South County Enterprise Zone and the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. Chuck would like to be appointed by the zone sponsors to be the zone manager for both. These would need to be done by adoption of a resolution for each. He will be collecting the remaining resolutions from the other zone sponsors and will notify the State. Sarah reported that the County recently adopted a resolution appointing Sue Martin as zone manager for both zones but it doesn't appear that the other zone sponsors followed up and the State wasn't notified. The Board directed staff to prepare two resolutions appointing Chuck Daughtry as zone manager of the two zones. Sarah will follow up with Jan Greenhalgh to have resolutions prepared.

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ENTERPRISE ZONE TO INCLUDE VERNONIA:

The second matter discussed was a proposed expansion of the South County Enterprise Zone to include areas in Vernonia. Chuck described the proposed area, the future location of Photo Solutions and indicated that the area will be expanded to other property in Vernonia. The Board discussed the proposal and the approval process. Taxing Districts should be given 21 days to comment on the proposal before the Board approves it although a hearing isn't required. The Board directed Chuck to come back with the final proposal including maps and legal descriptions so that a resolution can be prepared for consideration

FY14 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STATUS:

Jennifer Cuellar was present to give the Board an update on the financial status of the unrestricted general fund. A variety of data points were discussed, however no decisions were made at this time. The Board will revisit this in another month.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/LAND SALES:

This matter was carried over one week.

HOLDNER TRIAL:

Sarah briefly updated the Board on changes to the Holdner/Baum trial schedule.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th day of November, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Henry Heimuller,

Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator