

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2014

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

MUSEUM STORAGE CABINETS:

Museum members Les Watters and Joanne Pellham came before the Board to see if the County would be interested in either using or storing some display cases that the museum needs to dispose of. The Board wanted to see pictures of the cases before making any decisions. Les stated that he would forward some pictures later today and noted that a decision will need to be made rather quickly.

CARPET FOR COURTROOMS:

Commissioner Heimuller spoke with Judge Grant who has a contact that is willing to donate carpet for the courtrooms. She will be getting the Board more information on this and no action is needed at this time.

RECYCLED BRIQUETS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on a company he met with last week who takes waste products and make briquets with no emissions. Chuck Daughtry is working with them.

RAIL STUDY OF 2009:

Commissioner Heimuller met with Kurt Reichelt, HDR Engineering, who supplied him with a copy of the 2009 Rail Study. This led to a conversation about the possibility of preparing an updated 2013 study. The guy will talk with Kittelson about the costs involved and get back to Commissioner Heimuller. The Board felt that was a very good idea and agreed with obtaining the costs details.

CITY/COUNTY MEETING:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on the City/County meeting. Mayor Scott Burge talked about a cooperative agreement among the cities, the county and the Port to help coordinate lobbying efforts for each of the agencies.

PUBLIC RELATION SERVICES:

After some discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, to negotiate contract terms with Randy Sanders for public relations services. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT #8 TO IGA #141405 WITH OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY & AMENDMENT #5 TO AGREEMENT WITH CCMH:

Sarah met with the Board to discuss the Mental Health Contract and generally explained the contract process for mental health services funded by the State. Discussion then moved to the proposed Amendment #8 to the OHA Agreement, as well as the proposed Amendment #5 to the Agreement with CCMH. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Amendment #8 to the 2013-2015 IGA #141405 with the Oregon Health Authority and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Further, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Amendment #5 to the Agreement with Columbia Community Mental Health. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) - REAL PROPERTY:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Amendment #1 to the License and Indemnity Agreement by and between Columbia County and Columbia River Partnerships for Change for the Columbia County Treatment Court Program. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board then discussed the possibility of future requests for extensions. If another extension is requested, the Board will want to look at the contract terms more closely and possibly renegotiate the terms.

SAFE KIDS & ELC HUB:

This matter was carried over one week.

REPORT ON COURT SECURITY MEETING:

Todd Dugdale, Todd Cunningham, Robin McIntyre and Sue Hill were present to review the five Courthouse Security Committee recommendations from their December 2013 meeting. The recommended improvements included a fire protection equipment enclosure and various changes to door access and card reader locations totaling \$5,131.

The County and State Courts would split the costs evenly. After review and discussion, there was Board consensus to proceed with implementing the recommended improvements outlined in the memo to the Board.

FY14 UNANTICIPATED AVAILABLE FUNDS:

This item was moved to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) - Bargaining. Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

FY15 BUDGET PROCESS:

Jennifer was present for discussion on the FY15 budget process, which will be added to the next agenda for more extensive discussion, primarily due to the discovery in the last week of a significant error in the projection of the dollars needed to close the general fund budget gap after closing the Jail. Given this issue, the Finance Director alerted the Board that the scenarios they will be provided for options to balance the general fund will be more painful and the decisions more difficult than originally hoped.

Jennifer also addressed the fact that with a Jail closure and the possibility of a late May vote which would fund Jail operations - makes this budget cycle that much more tricky because it introduces another significant financial uncertainty into the mix.

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TRANSIT BUDGET:

Janet Wright, CC Rider, presented information the Board had requested to show the amount of grant funding that would be received if the Board increased the percentage of funding support from the Economic Development budget. The Board requested additional information and held off on taking any action on the request at this time.

AMENDMENT #2 TO ODOT GRANT AGREEMENT #29263:

While present, Janet provided a summary of Amendment #2 to ODOT Grant Agreement #29263 regarding additional grant funding from ODOT for the Title 5311 Operations grant. After review, the Board will add this agreement to the next consent agenda for

action.

FARE BOX UPDATE:

In addition, Janet provided the Board with information on the fare box revenue. The 64% reduction in service has reduced fare box revenue by \$10,176 from July 2013 through January 2014. The data also shows that the Medicaid Ride revenue was down by \$51,000 for the same period, due to the fact that the service reductions has eliminated the transit departments ability to provide demand response service to the Portland/Western Washington County areas for medical trips. It is expected that this trend will continue unless additional volunteer drivers can be found and/or additional revenue sources become available to mitigate the lack of local match funds to access the existing grants.

The Board recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday, March 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

JAIL REFERENDUM:

The Board met to discuss a referendum for Jail operations funding. No action was taken at this time.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of March, 2014.

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