

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f) - Exempt Records:

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR JAIL LEVY:

The Board discussed the explanatory statement; specifically the difference between the actual general fund reduction since 2005 reflected in the audit and the budgeted numbers. The Board directed Sarah Hanson to clarify that the explanatory statement includes the numbers reflected in the budgets since 2005. With that, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Notice of Measure Election for Three Year Local Option Levy for Jail Operations and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.*

Further, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the explanatory statement for the Three Year Local Option Levy for Jail Operations with the change as discussed and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.*

MEETING WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

The Board met with Jean Ripa and Union representatives Pam Benham, Erin O'Connell, Trin Monahan and Andy Chavira. Commissioner Hyde updated the group on the status of the O&C funding and the federal bills. Extensive discussion followed on this issue. The Commissioners generally notified the representatives that the County has not yet received the funding expected this year and may not get it until May. Because of that, it is impossible to buy back remaining furlough days so the approximately \$400,000 is being rolled into next fiscal year's budget to cover both potential PERS costs and to reduce the needed number of furloughs at the Courthouse from 26 all the way down to 12.

The Board addressed the fact that the budget could only be balanced by closing the County Jail and the consequences of that throughout the County. There was group discussion on the importance of public information regarding public services; the safety of employees in the field and other issues facing the county. The Commissioners welcomed thoughts and ideas on these subjects.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS - BUDGET UPDATE:

The Board moved the meeting to the Annex Room to meet with the department heads for an update on the FY 2014-15 County budget. Discussion only with no actions taken.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th day of March, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller,

Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

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