

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2014

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Henry Heimuller. Commissioner Earl Fisher was not present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

JURISDICTION OF APPEAL FILED BY DON WALLACE:

Todd Dugdale and Glen Higgins came before the Board with a recommendation for the Board to assume original jurisdiction over the appeal of the Planning Director's decision on TT12-12, as outlined in Todd's memo to the Board on 8/4/14. After some review and discussion, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded approval for the Board to take original jurisdiction over the application for a Forest Template Dwelling filed by Don Wallace, representing Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Co. The motion carried unanimously.*

NUISANCE ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES:

Todd Dugdale and Robert Crain, Code Enforcement Officer reviewed information submitted to the Board by emails containing property background information and photos concerning two County owned properties located on Sheeley Creek Rd in the Vernonia area and on Old Portland Road in the St Helens area which have current violations on them.

Old Portland Road Property-Former Leland Ebert Property

Sarah Hanson advised the Board that the lien on the Old Portland Road property from a previous clean up went away during the foreclosure proceeding in which the County

acquired ownership of the property. She recommended that the Board not authorize the cleanup of the current solid waste violation due to possible liability resulting from the cleanup activity. By consensus, the Board's direction to staff was not to clean up the property but to proceed as soon as possible with the auction of the property and that a deposit be required of the purchaser in the estimated amount of the clean up to be refunded upon verification of the cleanup.

Sheeley Creek Property

Staff explained that an old mobile home was placed on the property without the County's knowledge or approval. Commissioner Hyde indicated that he recognized the unit as being one that the City of Vernonia acquired in a post flood mitigation action and that they may have mistakenly thought that the city owned the property.

Commissioner Hyde would contact the City to inform them that the unit needs to be removed. Staff would follow up as necessary to have the unit removed.

ANIMAL CONTROL POLICIES:

Robin McIntyre and Roger Kadell were present for discussion on amending the animal control policies. Roger Kadell presented a memo outlining animal control issues that need to be addressed. The first issue dealt with enforcement procedures and policies that need further clarification and/or interpretation by the Board, such as interpretation of the definition of "livestock" for the purposes of enforcing laws on dogs harming livestock. As a second issue, Roger asked that the Board adopt a mechanism for dealing with stray/feral cats. Attached to Roger's memo were draft Board orders that were presented for discussion purposes only. The Board took no action but expressed approval in having Roger work with County Counsel's office to move forward with developing an ordinance for stray/feral cat control and an order for clarification and interpretation of animal control enforcement procedures and policies.

OREGON COUNTIES FINANCIAL CONDITION REPORT:

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, to discuss the Oregon Counties Financial Condition Report she received from the Secretary of State's office.

We should include an update/statement on secure rural schools funding status from O&C counties that are mentioned in the report as particularly vulnerable financially. The Board directed Jennifer to follow up with organizing a statement through Rocky McVay, who is staff on this issue and works for O&C counties.

Solicited County response to include: more information on debt service and measures being taken to keep our cash balance up which are still not over. Finance Director tasked with drafting the County's response and working with Commissioner Hyde to edit and finalize it by the deadline of Monday 8/11/14 or extend the deadline if possible.

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

The Board 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)(d) - Litigation/Bargaining:

The Board recessed the regular session to go back into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(f)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement with Russell Smiley and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion*

carried unanimously.

Further, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement with Debra Smiley and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th day of August, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony

Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Heimuller, Commissioner

Henry

By: _____ Not Present

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator