

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 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.

**FOOD/COMMISSARY RFP:**

This matter was addressed during the 9/24/14 Staff meeting:

**SEASONAL COUNTY PARK CLOSURES:**

This matter was addressed during the 10/1/14 morning session.

**SEWAGE DISCHARGE ISSUE:**

Erin O'Connell, Environmental Services Specialist, came before the Board to discuss an issue regarding the discharging of wastewater/sewage into the County waterways as outlined in her Board Communication dated 9-24-14. Under discussion, Commissioner Fisher noted that he spoke with Senator Betsy Johnson who provided him with contact information for a Sector Columbia River Coast Guard Captain who could provide assistance. Fisher will get that contact information to Erin to followup and report back to the Board. In addition, Commissioner Heimuller will make contact with Dustin Hald at the Columbia County's Sheriffs Office to request future assistance in similar matters.

Due to the hazardous nature of sewage discharges with regards to public health, Erin thought it prudent to inform the Board of an alleged sewage discharge from a live aboard vessel occurring in the Multnomah Channel at the Lighthouse Moorage. The original complaint was forwarded to County staff by Oregon DEQ. Erin O'Connell has spent 2 weeks contacting other agencies identified as having authority for prohibited discharges in the water, with no agency willing to respond. This included: DEQ, CC Sheriffs Office, Coast Guard- Columbia River and Portland Sector, and the EPA. It was advised by Erin O'Connell that because this was viewed by the State agencies as more of a local problem, that the County takes steps to have a process in place to have local law enforcement respond or be willing to assist to ensure the safety of county citizens. The Board agreed on the importance of the issue. It was acknowledged that this problem with sewage discharging occurs in other counties, most notably Multnomah County, and that they currently have been unable to resolve the problem, but are working with DEQ to create a model, which Columbia County will be advised on in the future.

### **AUCTION PROPERTIES:**

Sarah Hanson met with the Board to describe and discuss the statutory steps for conducting an auction of county surplus real property. The Board discussed whether an auctioneer would be suitable to conduct the auction. The Board concluded that it does not make sense to use an auctioneer. Sarah described the first step being an order directing the Sheriff to conduct a sale. The order must include the minimum price for each property and any terms and conditions of the sale. From that point notice is published for four weeks. The Board expressed their desire to have the process completed as soon as possible for the property previously recommended for auction by Cynthia. Commissioner Fisher will contact Cynthia with the details of this discussion.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Heimuller, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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