

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 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.

PEGGY TARBELL - OLD YANKTON CHURCH:

Peggy Tarbell came before the Board to seek help from the county on the Old Yankton Church. There has been a local effort to save and rehab the church building, but the group has not been able to come to terms with the Yankton Baptist Church Board. Discussion was held on the need for this group to develop a relationship with the church elders and to collectively come to some agreement. Basically, there is nothing the Board of Commissioners can do in this case.

STEVE ATCHISON:

Steve Atchison, District Attorney, came before the Board to give a brief update on departmental issues. With the retirement of Jenni Jordan, he has offered the position to Jean Martwick who has accepted.

PUBLIC ROAD EVENT - REINDEER RUN:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, was present to review the Public Road Events Permit application for the 5th Annual Reindeer Run. This is a charity event hosted by the Columbia River Foursquare Church and they are therefore requesting a waiver of the \$300 permit fee and a waiver of costs from the Road Department related to placing

cautionary signs on the route for the event. After some review and discussion, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve this event permit, however the request for a waiver of fees is denied. The motion carried unanimously.*

REQUEST FROM DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR LEAVE:

Renate Garrison came before the Board to discuss her request for additional leave. The Board discussed the departmental activities and want assurance that those activities would be covered. *With that, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Renate Garrison's request for an extension of leave until January 5, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.*

Jean Ripa noted that Renate would be starting to work intermittently from home, checking and responding to emails.

UPDATE ON SHERIFF'S HIRING:

Jean Ripa next updated the Board on the status of hiring in the Sheriff's Office. She broke down the number of candidates for the Corrections Deputy position, showing how, out of the first group of 25, only 9 were available for actual consideration. The others either didn't not pass the written or physical test or did not show up for some portion of the testing process. The good news is that four new Corrections Deputies will be starting the following week.

FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATE:

Jean Ripa noted that Shaunee and Kellie had both volunteered to assist with posting items to the County's Facebook page during the period of time the Board is deciding how to proceed with the County's various public information activities. Discussion followed on what items would be sent for posting, how to handle inappropriate comments and other items related to maintenance of the page. The Commissioners

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expressed their appreciation to Kellie and Shaunee for volunteering to help out.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26th day of November, 2014.

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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher,

Commissioner

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