

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2015

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(20(I) - Performance Evaluations:**

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

**COUNTY MEDICAL & RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA REGULATORY OPTIONS:**

Todd Dugdale, Sarah Hanson, Robin McIntyre, Glen Higgins and Robert Crain were present to review possible options for County regulation of medical marijuana grow sites and dispensaries. Options discussed were outlined in more detail in Todd's memo to the Board dated 1/26/15: 1) Do nothing and apply current land use regulations to medicinal grow occupations and dispensaries; 2) Moratorium - Impose a 120-day moratorium on medicinal and recreational marijuana uses with a 180 days extension from the expiration of the current dispensary moratorium on May, 2015 to March 1, 2016. This would allow time for the county to further consider more comprehensive regulations addressing both medicinal and recreational marijuana after the State has finished their rule making; 3) Ban medicinal grows and dispensaries and recreational marijuana uses; or 4) Adopt new zoning regulations specifying zoning districts in which medicinal grows and dispensaries are allowed, by what review procedures and according to what the local standards are.

After review and discussion, there was Board consensus to direct staff to pursue the moratorium option for medicinal grows and dispensaries and recreational marijuana facilities. For medicinal marijuana grow operations in conjunction with residential uses in all zones that have been licensed by the State up until the effective date of a moratorium, the county will require a home occupation permit under current zoning provisions.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK ACCOUNT:**

Dave Hill and Tristan Wood were present to request approval to establish a Facebook account for the Road Department. Dave mentioned that a Facebook account would be a good way for the Road Department to show photos of their operations, get quick notice out to the public on any upcoming marathons or similar type road events, or for getting quick information out when there is a storm or disaster. There was Board support for a facebook page for the Road Department, but mentioned there would need to be restrictions on what is placed on the page and that any dialogue with the public be minimal. Procedures need to be in place when reporting on poor road conditions and other information that would be helpful to the public. After discussion, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize the Road Department to create and maintain a Facebook Page. The motion carried unanimously.***

#### **2015 BIENNIAL ODOT FUNDING APPLICATIONS:**

Janet Wright and Michael Ray, CC Rider, were present to discuss the start of the Biennial transit budgeting process. There are two new projects: 1) service from Portland to Astoria; and 2) a capital project to improve radio communications along US 30 into downtown Portland. Janet discussed the project request forms that were provided to all department heads and noted that there were no specific comments received back. The budgets for both projects are in process, but Janet wanted to review these with the Board for any questions.

Staff is currently working with Sunset Empire Transportation on the Inter City 5311F

project and the plan now is to submit a joint application. Janet provided the Board a handout showing the current allocations of funding for the next biennial budget. It reflects the required match that is needed. She noted that this does not expand or increase service from what is currently being provided as a result of the 64% reduction in service that was needed a year and a half ago.

*After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the new project applications for submission to ODOT. The motion carried unanimously.*

The Board recessed the meeting and reconvened on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Heimuller, Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher.

**INTERVIEW FOR FAIR BOARD POSITION:**

The Board met with Kathy McCullen to interview her for the open position on the Columbia County Fair Board. After the interview, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to appoint Kathy McCullen to the Fair Board, Position #2 for a 3 year term. The motion carried unanimously.*

**NOHA BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

*Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to reappoint Casey Mitchell to the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board for a 5 year term. The motion carried unanimously.*

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller,

Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Earl Fisher,

Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Greenhalgh

Board Office Administrator