

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 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.

2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROPOSALS:

Vincent Aarts, Emergency Management, was present to discuss the applications for project funding from the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Proposals which are due this Friday. This year the Department of Emergency Management has received four proposals, as follows:

- 1) Department of Emergency Management - Oil Transportation Risk Analysis and Response Plan - \$60,000.00;
- 2) Sheriff's Office - Search and Rescue Command Vehicle - \$95,317.00;
- 3) Clatskanie Community Emergency Response Team - Command Vehicle housing - \$23,890.00; and
- 4) Sheriff's Office - Rapid Deploy Shelter System - \$17,4676.00.

Emergency Management needs to submit these proposals as a combined application to

the State Office of Emergency Management by this Friday - 2/13/15. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller signed the Combined Application cover sheet, as the authorized representative for the county.

Vincent will submit the worksheets for all four applications for action on the next consent agenda.

RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR SPENCER PARK:

Jim Tierney and Dan Brown, with Community Action Team, met with the Board to discuss the Vernonia School project. Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, was also present. Dan and Jim reported that the City and School District have agreed to amend the existing IGA outlining the specifications for Spencer Park. With that, the City and School District have agreed to release the remaining escrow funds to the School District.

The last piece is for the County to agree to release the funds. Dan and Jim reported that the School District has met all other compliance requirements and FEMA has signed off on the project. The School District has approved a letter requesting that Ticor release the funds. A letter will also be coming from the City in the near future. Jim indicated that he would check with Nina Reed at Ticor to verify the form of instructions she will need to release the funds. The County will write it's instructions when we hear back from Jim and when we receive the City's letter requesting the release. After discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the release of funds for Spencer Park subject to receipt of the release of funds letters from both the School District and the City. The motion carried unanimously.*

SEWER REPAIR & EJECTMENT - 8TH STREET, ST. HELENS:

This item was pulled and held over.

BENNET & MILLARD ROAD SAFETY PROJECT:

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter were present to discuss the Highway 30 Safety Project being proposed by ODOT at the Bennett Road and Millard Road intersection. Dave reviewed his 2/4/15 memo to the Board, with attached aerial photos. Dave and Lonny both

discussed the issues that were mentioned in the memo so that the Board would have a good understanding of the benefits and impacts of the project. It was general direction from the Board in consideration that it will likely be proposed to close the railroad crossing at Old Portland Road and Highway 30, that the Road Department continue to insist that ODOT give serious thought to installing the Median U-Turn that was presented by Dave in the memo. ODOT plans to hold informational meetings on this matter at the Road Department office on March 3, 2015.

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.

PORT WESTWARD IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FUND AGREEMENT EXTENSION:

Janet Wright and Robin McIntyre provided the Board with a summary of the request to ODOT for an extension to the Port Westward IOF grant. A draft letter was presented for review and, after discussion, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the letter to ODOT, with some changes. The motion carried unanimously.* Robin will provide a final letter for Board signature.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th day of February, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By:_____

Henry Heimuller, Chair

By:_____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:_____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By:_____

Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator