

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 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.

UPDATE ON TAX DEPARTMENT PROJECTS:

Mary Ann Guess was present to update the Board on what the tax office has been during the past few months. They have been concentrating on delinquent personal property taxes and they have reduced the amount owing by \$12K in the past three months. Typically tax warrants are 250 each year but this year, they have reduced that amount to 147 being issued. She also discussed accounts to be cancelled due to them being non-collectable. She reviewed the possibility of a seizure of one home in a mobile home park. The next step is to contact Park managers and see if they will work with the county.

Mary Ann mentioned that the next tax installment payment is on Friday May 15th. There is a notice on the website and on the phone message informing people to either pay their taxes on Thursday or by postdated check by May 15th. Some discussion on the garnishment process and having no problems going forward if necessary.

Lastly, Mary Ann presented Resolution No. 18-2015 for Columbia County to participate in the A&T Grant. The deadline for this is May 1st. After review, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-2015, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate in the Assessment and Taxation Grant". The motion carried unanimously.*

MARIJUANA ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Todd Dugdale and Glen Higgins presented the Board with a tentative roster of persons who have expressed interest in serving on the Marijuana Ordinance Advisory Committee. With the addition of Ed Berman and Larry Vandolah, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the committee list. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Todd Dugdale reviewed his prior memo to the Board containing a list of persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission. He stressed the need to make these appointments as soon as possible because it has been difficult to get a quorum of members for upcoming Planning Commission meetings. After some discussion, *Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to appoint Bill DeJager to complete the term of Guy Letourneau, term expires 12/31/17. The motion carried unanimously.*

There was Board consensus to interview the remaining candidates at the Wednesday, May 13th Staff meeting before making any further appointments.

LDS PROMOTIONAL RECRUITMENTS:

This matter was pulled and held over to a date uncertain.

PART TIME SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR POSITION:

After review of the request, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize Todd Dugdale to fill the part-time Solid Waste Coordinator position. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF - REQUEST TO PURCHASE PATROL AND JAIL VEHICLES:

Sheriff Dickerson and Jennifer Cuellar met with the Board to review the Sheriff's request for authorization to purchase 4 enforcement sedans in the 2015 budget year using the Sheriff's General Fund Enforcement budget. The Sheriff also requested authorize for the Jail to purchase a multi-passenger, secure inmate transport van from the 220 fund, the fund dedicated for Jail operations. After some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to direct the Jennifer Cuellar to prepare the appropriate motion for the next consent agenda, approving these capital purchases.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By:_____

Henry Heimuller,

Chair

By:_____ Not Present _____

Anthony

Hyde, Commissioner

By:_____

Earl Fisher,

Commissioner

By:_____

Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Office Administrator