

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 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.

NW NATURAL SITE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT:

Sarah Stauffer Curtiss, Todd Thomas and Michael Hayward, representatives of NW Natural Gas Company were present to brief the Board on NW Natural's application for Amendment 11 to the EFSC site certificate. Todd Thomas explained that the application includes a new compressor station, use of the Adams reservoir, and a new 13-mile pipeline. Michael Hayward described the horizontal drilling process and showed the Commissioners where the horizontal drilling would take place.

Commissioner Heimuller expressed concern about public outreach for the project. NW Natural confirmed that they were following EFSC's process for public involvement.

Robin McIntyre noted that the County has requested a two week extension of filing their comments to the Department of Energy. No action was taken.

COLLECTION RATE REVIEW BRIEFING:

Todd Dugdale, reviewed the briefing packet provided to the Board including FY 16 detailed cost reports and related rate requests consistent with the County's rate review policy. Todd noted that Waste Management's detailed cost report indicated that no rate increase was justified for Scappoose and Vernonia rural service areas. Waste Connection's cost report justified only an increase for the Rainier rural area of 6%. St Helens rural and Clatskanie rural cost reports did not justify a change in rate for FY 16.

The Board set the matter over for a public hearing on Wednesday, July 24, 2015.

On a related item, Todd reported that the SWAC had voted to add executive bonuses to the list of non-allowed expenses in the County's Detailed Cost Reporting/Rate Review policy. The Board concurred with this SWAC action.

CAROLE BERKE REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TIPPING FEE:

Todd reviewed a request from Carol Berke, mother of Randy Hagedorn, who has an outstanding past due tipping fee account balance of \$245.30. She is request that the tipping fee be waived due to Randy's health and related expenses. The Board consensus was that waiver of tipping fees to commercial customers is not a good policy. Todd will get back to Carol Berke with the County's response.

ROAD DEPARTMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss the disposal of some Road Department surplus equipment through an online auction. Dave referred to the list and photos of the equipment to be sold. After some discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to declare the list as presented as surplus equipment. The motion carried unanimously. Dave mentioned that he plans to sell the equipment through an online auction and he thought that this was a very good way to go for the County.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Vincent Aarts, Acting Emergency Management Director, was present to Ambulance Service reforms. Due to the timing, the Board carried this matter over for one week.

LAW LIBRARY/ARBITRATION FUNDING:

Steve Atchison, District Attorney and Judge Grant came before the Board to discuss moving money from the Law Library Fund to the Circuit Court to fund conciliation and mediation services. They presented the Board with a copy of Section 8 of HB 5016 and

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HB 2322 as way of explanation. After discussion, there was Board consensus to agree with the transfer.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd day of June, 2015.

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