

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2016

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

MARIJUANA TAX DISCUSSION:

Robin McIntyre and Jennifer Cuellar met with the Board to discuss the imposition of a local marijuana tax. The County can impose a tax of up to 3% on the sale of recreational marijuana by adopting an ordinance and referring it to the voters. The County can only impose this tax at a November election on even numbered years. The Commissioners questioned how the County's tax would be coordinated with local cities.

Staff will look into that. After discussion, the Board directed staff to proceed with an ordinance to impose a 3% tax on marijuana sales.

LETTER TO DON BURDICK - HOLLY FARM:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the letter to Don Burdick regarding the Holly Farm on Pittsburg Road. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM HUMANE SOCIETY FOR WAIVER OF KENNEL FEE:

The Board has received a request from the Columbia Humane Society for a waiver of the \$250 annual kennel fee. Based a recommendation from Roger Kadell, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the waiver of the*

\$250 kennel fee for the CHS. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR NEW PAROLE OFFICER POSITION:

Janet Evans came before the Board to request authorization to fill a PO position. With brief discussion, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize Janet Evans to fill one vacant Parole/Probation Officer position. The motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - Bargaining

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to deny Patsey Sadler's Step 3 Grievance. The motion carried unanimously.*

ANNUAL REPORT ON WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS:

Jean Ripa asked if the Commissioners had any questions regarding the annual report of County workers compensation claims which had been provided in their packets. She noted the work done by Sheriff Dickerson to reduce the very high number of claims in the Sheriff's Office which had occurred prior to his taking office. She also commended Tristan Wood for his work in the Road Department and their safety program.

UPDATE ON TRANSIT OPERATIONS:

Janet Wright gave a summary of the current status of the First Transit contract. First Transit has said that they would sign the contract amendment if the County reduces the contract out clause to 90 days from the 180 days as stipulated in the current contract. The Board agreed with staff that the 180 day clause should stay and told staff to relay that information to First Transit.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th day of January, 2016.

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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

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