

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 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.

FUTURE CONNECT FUNDING:

Kelly Marks, representative from PCC, was present to discuss the Future Connect Program and ask for a financial contribution of \$25,000 from Columbia County. Future Connect is customized to help underprivileged students in rural communities such as Columbia County by offering free College Readiness Classes and other types of outreach. The Board would like to discuss this more next week. No action was taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Sue Martin, County Assessor, met with the Board to discuss a draft resolution which would approve a homestead exemption for surviving spouses of certain public service officers killed in The Line of Duty. The statutory authority for the exemption was discussed. The Board of Commissioners directed Counsel to have a hearing notice published in all papers in the County prior to final consideration of the Resolution. No decisions were made.

MUSEUM DISCUSSION:

This discussion has been rescheduled for next week's staff meeting at 1:00.

OACES IGA:

Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, was present to discuss the proposed Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) IGA. Robin explained that OACES was an affiliate of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), but recently decided to become a separate legal entity under ORS 190 in order to better manage OACES assets. Both Dave Hill, Public Works Director, and Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor, are supportive of the County's continued involvement in OACES. Several other Counties have signed the IGA, and formed the legal entity. Robin described the risk involved with joining intergovernmental entities. In particular, the County will be jointly and severally liable for the financial obligations of the entity, which can be significant if grants are involved, for example. Robin reported, however, that the risk in this case is likely small because OACES will be staffed by AOC, and OACES doesn't appear to be set up to apply for grants. Both Commissioners Fisher and Hyde had some familiarity with the OACES proposal and asked to table the discussion until the next staff meeting to allow them to contact AOC for more information.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of July, 2016.

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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