

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2017

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(a)(e):

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Litigation:

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go back into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, ***Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Final Release Agreement with First Transit. The motion carried unanimously.***

INTERVIEW WITH DIANA SHERA-TAYLOR - JUSTICE COURT JUDGE POSITION:

The Board interviewed with Diana Shera-Taylor who is applying for the Justice Court Judge position, with the upcoming retirement of Judge Wally Thompson. Diana has submitted her application to the State and she has scheduled an interview with the Governor's office for November 9th.

TIMBER HARVEST AT CAMP WILKERSON:

Casey Garrett met with the Board seeking approval to proceed with coordinating a timber harvest at Camp Wilkerson. Casey has worked with Dave Hill to identify 4 areas of land within the park, totaling approximately 15 acres, which have marketable timber. The four areas identified are each on far corners of the Camp Wilkerson property boundaries and do not contain park trails, or any other infrastructure that would be negatively impacted by harvesting.

Casey provided a rough estimate of net proceeds to be expected from this harvest at between \$400,000 and \$500,000. He explained that this estimate was only based off of a previous 10 acre harvest at Camp Wilkerson, which produced approximately \$300,000 net proceeds. He will be meeting with a timber consultant in the coming days to determine a more accurate estimate of timber value and to discuss harvest contract options.

The Board agreed that Casey should proceed with developing a harvest plan for the identified lands and asked that he meet with them again once he's ready to provide more information on contracting options and how the proceeds will be spent to benefit the Parks program.

OPTIONS FOR LANDS MANAGEMENT:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss options for managing the Lands/Gas programs after our current contractor's contract ends October 31st. Robin McIntyre and Julie Stenberg were also present. Sarah presented the 2015 RFP done for these services and recommended the Board re-issue the RFP after it's updated. The Board discussed whether to hire a new employee to fill this role or whether there is a good fit for a full position combining property management with other needs. Commissioner Heimuller asked that the Lands Team discuss this option at its next meeting. No decisions were made at this time.

TRANSPORTATION ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, presented to the Board a list of members to be appointed/reappointed to the Columbia County Traffic Road Advisory Committee. No concerns were expressed. Jan will add these appointments to the next consent agenda for approval.

FY15 FEMA DISASTER FUNDS:

While present, Lonny gave a status update on the FY 15 FEMA disaster funds. Authorized funds are now available through Oregon Emergency Management and they are just waiting for the request from Columbia County. Lonny will be submitting that within the next few days. This current submission will be the first of several, as it will only cover some of the small projects. Soon to follow will be a request to IFA for funds to cover the 25% of the disaster costs that FEMA does not cover. The IFA requests will require Board signature, so that will be coming before the Board in the near future.

Lonny also provided some feed back concerning a meeting in Astoria by ODOT for winter preparations. During that meeting, NOAA explained that we are transitioning from a natural weather pattern to a La Nina pattern. That usually results in a cooler and wetter winter than normal, with snow almost always in the forecast. Lonny also reported on a conference call he sat in on concerning the Pacific Northwest Earthquake Shake Alert and explained that the alert system seems to be moving forward. This system will provide seconds to minutes of advance warning of an earthquake. The warning would provide vital seconds for individuals to seek immediate shelter, elevators to stop at the nearest floor, water and sewage pumps to be shut down, etc. The alert will be sent out to all smart phones within 2 seconds of ground sensors detecting an earthquake.

CC RIDER'S WEBSITE:

Karen Kane, Holly Miller, and Robin McIntyre spoke with the Board about utilizing the NW Connector website as the primary CC Rider site. The county's websites will be

completely redone this fiscal year, and CC Rider needs to have a presence. Concerns with the Transit information being only on NW Connector relate to control of information and branding. It's important for CC Rider to be represented on the NW Connector site though, and staff, understandably, feels it would be inefficient to maintain content on both it and the CC Rider site separately. Holly will speak with Trillium, NW Connector's vendor, about linking the content on the two sites. That way, updates on one site are automatically reflected on the other.

VOCA CERTIFICATE:

Jeff Auxier, District Attorney and Janice Faltersack, Victims Assistance Coordinator, came before the Board to discuss the Victims of Crime Act/Criminal Fine Account Statement of Compliance. This is part of the grant process with the Oregon Department of Justice for victims assistance programs. The Statement of Compliance certifies the County's intent to comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations. After discussion, there was Board consensus to add the Statement of Compliance to the next consent agenda.

TRIP TO SHEFFIELD ENGLAND:

Commissioner Heimuller has met with Chuck Daughtry and others regarding the planned trip to Sheffield, England to meet with OMIC representatives and tour the AMRC facility. Although he is concerned about the cost of this trip, he has been informed that it would be very beneficial for him to be there. He will get the necessary information to Jan to make the arrangements.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC CCO GRANTS:

The Columbia Pacific CCO is in the position to start awarding Wellness Investment grant funds and Commissioner Heimuller wanted to review the grant requests with the full Board for a joint recommendation. After review of the requests, there was a consensus to have Commissioner Heimuller complete the recommendation form and return to CCO.

GOBHI BOARD POSITION:

Commissioner Tardif noted that GOBHI is looking to fill a Board member position and he is considering it and would ask for Board support if he applies. After some discussion, Commissioner Tardif stated that he would obtain some additional information on the process before the Board makes any decision.

AOC TREASURER POSITION:

Commissioner Tardif is also running for AOC Treasurer. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that Alex contact AOC about their new application process to ensure that things are done correctly.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 04th day of October, 2017.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner