

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 8, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled work session at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

EOC PROJECT FUNDING:

Derek White, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to give an update on the funding and cost issues for the Emergency Operations Center. There are some options for the Board to consider, which are listed in the report submitted, along with the pros and cons on each option. After detailed discussion, Derek was directed to bring back some additional information to the Board next week.

HSEMC COORDINATOR POSITION:

While present, Derek reviewed the decline in funding for the HSEMC position in the last 3 years. Because of this decline, he is recommending that the position be reduced to a part time position until economic conditions improve and further to focus the position on assisting those agencies who are paying. Derek gave a breakdown on who is contributing and stated that he will be looking at other agencies who may want to participate in this program and willing to contribute.

The Board was in agreement with Derek discussing this at the next HSEMC meeting on Thursday and move towards reducing the position to part time if additional funding is not available.

REQUEST TO FEMA FOR DEMOLITION EXTENSION:

At the request of Dan Brown, Sarah presented a letter for Board signature to Oregon Emergency Management formally requesting a 6 month extension for the remaining structures yet to be demolished. After review of the details, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the letter to Dennis Sigrist requesting an extension of demolition deadline for eleven structures acquired through FEMA DR-1733 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) Project 11733.0002 and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.*

APPLE VALLEY SETTLEMENT:

Sarah reminded the Board that there is a check forthcoming for the Apple Valley settlement which has not yet been budgeted for.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

General discussion was held on the number of times various agreements, contracts, etc. are reviewed. Commissioner Fisher asked if there is any possible way to streamline that review process in a more efficient way. Sarah stated that County Counsels office has been working with AOC and the State on boilerplate agreements/contracts to help streamline the process, however there are some that just need more detailed review for the protection of the county.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of February, 2011.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner