

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 22, 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.

GOAL SETTING:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, explained that as part of this year's budget process, she is working on a goal setting process for the County Counsel's office. She is looking for input from the Board in order to make the goals realistic and not give "false hope" to department heads that rely on her departments services. She has developed a list of the large projects the department is either currently working on or expect to and their priority level. Department Heads normally expect about a two week turnaround for services. Commissioner Fisher stated that priorities change and asked how that would be dealt with. Sarah explained that those will be dealt with accordingly, depending on the urgency. It was suggested that this be addressed at the next Department Head meeting so that they are aware of time lines and expectations from the County Counsel's office. Sarah stated that time lines need to be established and further what determines an emergency.

Commissioner Heimuller feels that the priority list is a moving target and doesn't feel it needs to be tightened down any further. The Board agreed this should be addressed at the Department Head meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY:

Mike Simeck and Andy White, Department of Forestry, were present to give an annual report on the Department of Forestry projects, activities and their budget. Commissioner Hyde is very aware of the DOF programs, as he sits on the Council of Forest Trust Lands Committee, however he appreciates the full Board being updated. He commented on the recent meeting and tour which was very comprehensive and would suggest both Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Heimuller make arrangements to take that tour.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)(f):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, *Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to amend the comment to the Energy Facility Siting Council to require PGE to enter into an amended Transportation Improvement Agreement with the County within 12 months of issuance of PGE's site certificate. The motion carried unanimously.*

BUDGET SHORTFALLS & MITIGATION:

This matter was carried over to the 2/23/11 staff meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22nd 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