

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 8, 2011

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled work session at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Fisher called the meeting to order.

TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, came before the Board to request authorization to move forward with a Transportation Growth Management grant application. The grant will be used for contracted services to update the County's current transportation plan that originated in 1998. The cost for consulting services is \$92,500, with a \$11,750 county match for a total of \$104,250. The match is available in the Road Fund. The grant application has to be in Salem by 4:00 pm this Friday. Discussion was held on the written procedure and forms that are in the process of being adopted by the Board for such projects however those have not yet been formally adopted. With that, there was a consensus by the Board to authorize Lonny to sign the application. Robin will prepare a Board Order for approval next week if required by the grant.

LETTER OF INTENT AND GRANT APPLICATION WITH OVW:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, came before the Board with a Letter of Intent and grant application with the Office of Violence Against Women for Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange grant program. This is a federal grant and, although she just received this information, it is due by March 15th. She gave a brief overview of the what the grant will be used for and, if awarded, her office would be contracting with an outside agency to provide those services. Jan understands there is a "project proposal form" in the works but has not yet been adopted by the Board and, again, this is due by March 15th. After discussion, there was a consensus by the Board to authorize Jan Kenna to submit the Letter of Intent and grant application. Once Jan fully reviews the application and if additional signatures are required, she will bring that back before the Board for ratification.

WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ACT PROJECT:

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Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, presented the Water Resources Development Act information he just recently received from Senator Merkley's office. Senator Merkley sits on the Environment & Public Works committee and therefore has a unique opportunity to work closely with the committee in drafting the Water Resources Development Act. His office is asking that the County approve the Project Authorization Instructions and Request Form for proposals, along with a letter of support by March 14th. The Board is not committing to anything, simply an earmark. After discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to authorize Todd Dugdale to submit the 2011 Water Resources Development Act project authorization request form to Senator Merkley and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support. The motion carried unanimously.

METRO WEST LAWSUIT:

Joe Schultz, Pieper Ramsdell Insurance, came before the Board to inform them that about a month ago, the County was served with a lawsuit for a Metro West bus accident that happened two years. That triggered the discussion that the contract with Metro West is expired, which is critical for insurance purposes. The original contract had Metro West insuring the buses for liability, physical damage, hold harmless, etc. At this point, the contract needs to be extended and the buses should be listed on the county's policy. He has all the necessary information to do so and will be working with Sarah on the details.

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

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

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

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

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

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary