

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 10, 2011

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

VERNONIA HEALTH CENTER:

Heather Lewis, Vernonia Health Center Board, came before the Board seeking County support on a CDBG grant application. The Vernonia Health Center (VHC) has been providing medical services in the Upper Nehalem Valley since 1978. The issue at hand is that the building that houses the clinic has flooded twice. Following the flood of 2007, the VHC Board was mandated to move the clinic out of the floodway by December 2011. By moving the clinic out of the designated flood area to the newly acquired Rose Ave site, VHC will come into compliance with local, State and FEMA regulations. In addition, it will allow for expansion of services not feasible at the current location and cramped space. At this time, the VHC is looking for a preliminary approval from the Board to partner on the CDBG grant application. Once accepted, it would then come back before the Board to process through the required procedure. Commissioner Fisher noted that Board recently adopted a new project form that would also need to be completed.

Regarding health services, Commissioner Hyde commented on the meeting held last night in Clatskanie. The Board is looking at forming a task force to look the best way to provide public health services countywide. Heather stated that to have a voice from the Vernonia area would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding the CDBG grant, there was a consensus by the Board to move forward with the grant application.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

Jean Ripa, Human Resources, updated the Board on the Social Media Policy. Recognizing that social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Blogs) can further the county's mission and goals of public outreach and open government, there is also a measure of risk. This policy establishes guidelines for the use of social media

by all county officials and employees. The policy was previously reviewed by the Board and County Counsel and, as a result, some changes were made. This is the updated version and Jean is asking how the Board wants to proceed. The Board is in agreement with the policy and directed Jean to prepare an order to adopt the policy.

PHONES FOR BOARD OFFICE:

At the last budget meeting, the Board questioned the number of phones listed for the Board Office. Jean looked into that and explained how the number of (10) phones was determined. There are actually only 5 outside phone lines for the Board office; one for each Commissioner, one for Jan and one for Room 308. The rest are simply in-house lines and no cost other than for maintenance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:

The Executive Session was canceled.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Present

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By: \_\_\_\_\_ Henry

Heimuller, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary