

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 28, 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 Heimuller, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Fisher was not present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

FY 2012 PROPERTY AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Ron Cutter of Beecher Carlson was present to review the insurance proposal with the Board for the FY 2012 Property and General Liability Insurance coverage. Ron gave a brief summary and discussion was held on the details involving insurance premiums, the rate schedule, additional policies schedule, flood and earthquake insurance for county buildings and contents, Boiler and Machinery/Equipment Breakdown coverage, crime insurance involving fraud, embezzlement, public entity liability, business auto, and Workers Compensation. Jean noted that workers compensation claims are trending down significantly and explained that inmate workers are now on a separate policy. It was suggested increasing the crime policy from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Regarding vehicle insurance, it was decided to remove comp and collision from the schedule for vehicle models 2002 and older. After review and discussion, Jean will get the appropriate language for consent agenda for approval.

CANAAN ROAD GUARDRAIL PROJECT EXPENSE:

Dave Hill explained that the State felt the bid for this project was too high and because of that, Dave is holding off on this project for now and will rebid it sometime in November.

REQUEST TO HIRE (4) TEMPORARY SUMMER POSITIONS FOR ROAD DEPT:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, stated that the current budget allows for him to hire 8 temporary summer positions but he is only asking for 4 at this time. The Board has reviewed this request and, with that, *Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Dave Hill to hire (4) temporary summer positions for the Road Department. The motion carried unanimously.*

TRISTEN WOOD ITEMS:

These items were pulled and carried over to the staff meeting.

VERNONIA SCHOOL IGA AND EEMA GRANT:

Jim Tierney, CAT, and Ken Cox, Vernonia School District, was present for discussion.

Jim reviewed his memo to the Board regarding the status of the Vernonia School buyout. The

county has a contract with Oregon Emergency Management which allows it to purchase the existing Vernonia school property as a strategy to help the school district build their new school. OEM is getting their money from FEMA which has agreed to pay for 75% of the costs estimated in the grant application made to OEM and FEMA. Subsequent to the roughly \$12 million award, FEMA worked to produce an environmental blueprint for the school purchase project. During this environmental review, FEMA consulted with the school district, the district's environmental consultants, OEM, National Park Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and a wide variety of other stakeholders. The project requirements which came out of this process have been added into the IGA between the City, the school district and the county. This is an agreement is on the agenda for Board approval tomorrow.

As with much of the rest of flood recovery, the county holds some considerable risk. Specifically, the proposal is for the county to pass-through almost \$12 million of FEMA money to the school district prior to the district's ability to deliver on its NEPA obligations. Jim is implementing two distinct risk management strategies. First is to determine what level of record keeping is being performed by the district and its project manager. Secondly, he is encouraging the county and the school district to set aside a reserve for the completion of the demolition and the creation of the new Spencer Park. The OEM contract requires the county to see to it that the old school is appropriately demolished.

Lengthy discussion was held on the school project and the funding issues and concerns. It was noted again that the IGA is scheduled for Board consideration tomorrow.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of June, 2011.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary