

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

FY 2016-2017 BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES

June 1, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met for a public hearing on the FY 2016-2017 Columbia County Budget with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present. The hearing was held at the Rainier City Hall Building, Rainier, Oregon.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

This is the time set for the public hearing to solicit input on the Columbia County budget for FY 2016-2017.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Rory Hammond, Rainier, was present for some general questions and suggestions on the county budget. He asked if the County is looking into budgeting out 5 years to help plan for the future. Commissioner Heimuller responded that the county is currently working on a strategic plan that will help create the extended budgets. He noted that this is the first time in 8 years that there will be no furlough days because of the funding available in the current budget. Now the county can look to the future to determine a plan of action.

Rory then asked about CC Rider and what the plans are for their future now that the formation of the district failed. Commissioner Heimuller believes there will be some challenges ahead, but they are currently negotiating with a new contractor that will be a benefit for the transit system.

Lastly, Rory commented on this public hearing and that he didn't see it posted on the county website and he doesn't subscribe to the local newspapers. He suggested that the county look providing more usable information on their website and also look at other way to get information out to the public. Commissioner Heimuller agreed there is room to improve and, because of that, there is now a Public Information Officer position included in the current budget.

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With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st of June, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator