

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

BUDGET MINUTES

May 16, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Jennifer Cuellar and Jan Greenhalgh, along with Budget Committee members Dan Garrison, Paul Langner and Margaret Magruder.

Committee Chair Dan Garrison called the meeting to order.

**FY 2016-17 COUNTY BUDGET UPDATE & DISCUSSION:**

Jennifer Cuellar updated the committee on all changes to the budget since the prior meeting. Insurance rates are now confirmed at a rate 13% lower than originally budgeted, so all effected departmental budgets have been adjusted accordingly. Jennifer explained how the Public Information Officer position and staff position in the Board of Commissioners Office adjustments were made. Regarding elections budget, the elections scanner is being taken out of the loan funds. Commissioner Heimuller expressed his concern about the \$55,000 coming out of the loan dollars that were already earmarked and prioritized. This equipment was not part of that process and the \$55,000 for the elections scanner will take away from the list of priorities. Commissioner Fisher understands those concerns, but he can understand the need. Discussion was held on the loan fund and, if not used for this equipment, it would have to come out of the general fund and it would cost more because of additional interest on the financing. Jennifer gave some optional ways to pay for the elections scanner. Moving on, Jennifer then went through the other departmental budgets and where they stand. The contingency has increased by \$65,677 due to all changes made.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Margaret Magruder seconded to approve the County Budget for FY 2016-17, based on revenues for the General Fund being generated by a tax rate of \$1.3956/1,000 of assessed value as of 1:00 a.m., January 1, 2016 and based upon the maximum for total expenditures for each fund as stated in the proposed budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.

**NOTE:** An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Garrison

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Langner

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Magruder

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Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator