



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

**March 18, 2015**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Regular Board meeting and the March 11, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 3/16/15.
- (B) Cancel the March 25, 2015, Board and Staff meetings.
- (C) Order No. 6-2015, "In the Matter of Appointing a New Administrator of the Columbia County Public Road Event Ordinance".
- (D) Order No. 7-2015, "In the Matter of Appointing a New Administrator of the Columbia County Outdoor Mass Gathering Ordinance".
- (E) Order No. 10-2015, "In the Matter of Adopting a Policy for Posting Agenda Documents on the County Website".

- (F) 2015 Liquor License Renewals for: Marks on the Channel, Tio's Quincy Market; Wayside Inn; Moose Lodge #591 St. Helens.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment to the Public Services Contract between Columbia County and Valley Landfills, INC, dba Republic Services

The motion carried unanimously.

**CREATE NEW POSITION IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson came before the Board seeking approval for the creation of the position of Sheriff's Office Administrator in the Sheriff's Office and assign it to non-exempt salary range E02 and authorization to fill the position of Sheriff's Office Administrator.

Sheriff Dickerson stated that, during the downturn in jail funds, there were staff reductions and pay decreases. A staff member, who does a lot of the administration, especially with the jail, is picking up more and more duties, and needs to be moved from an hourly employee to an exempt staff with a salary. Commissioner Fisher asked for confirmation that this is not adding staff, but more fully laying out what this staff person has been doing. The Sheriff confirmed, and stated that the increase in pay is not significant, with 70% of her position being in the jail. Commissioner Hyde moved to approve the creation of the job title and to fill the position, and Commissioner Fisher seconded. Commissioner Heimuller asked if the old position was going away and the Sheriff agreed. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC ROAD EVENT -- ORRC VERNONIA MARATHON & HALF MARATHON**

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, has received an application for a public road event from Oregon Roadrunners Club in Vernonia. He believes this is the third or fourth year for this event, and there have been no issues. Lonny stated that the only county road affected is the first two miles of Keasey Rd out from the City. Lonny gave further details about the event and stated that no local agencies have reported any issue with this event. Commissioner Hyde moved to approve the public road event permit for the ORRC Vernonia Marathon and Half Marathon and Commissioner Fisher seconded. Sarah says they will want to approve the Permit and Indemnity Agreement separately. Commissioner Hyde moved to approve the Permit and Indemnity Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

Renate Garrison, Director of Emergency Management, stated that the amendment to the Emergency Support Function 8 for Public Health and Medical Services section of the EOP was close to completion. She understands there needs to be a Board order approving the amendment, but she wanted to bring the Board up to date. This is just the first step in a 5 year-

period for updating the EOP. Commissioner Hyde stated that he appreciates the fact that this update has begun. He added that the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission is a working group that is doing a good job.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller extends best wishes to Board Office Administrator, who is recovering from surgery and doing very well.

The Fair & Rodeo Committee announced record breaking attendance at last year's fair and brought in money to use for updates on the chutes and other things. Commissioner Heimuller also met with the Fair Board, LDS and the McNulty Water District to hammer out an agreement to mitigate a water line issue at the fairgrounds. They made some good progress.

Commissioner Heimuller presided over the ribbon cutting at the Brookdale Rose Valley in Scappoose. The County is lucky to have facilities like Brookdale and Avamere.

He made mention of friend and colleague Shirley Kalkhoven, the Mayor of Nehalem, who passed away yesterday. She was a true champion of public transportation issues across the state. She was the Chair of the NW Commission on Transportation. Commissioner Heimuller has served as Vice Chair for the past 4 years. Shirley has been a great mentor and he wishes all the best to her and her family.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Hyde agrees with Commissioner Heimuller's comments regarding Shirley. She was very influential in several areas, including economic development. Her passing is a big loss for the State.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher stated that Shirley was a woman in her late 80's who still functioned and worked very hard for the community. On Sunday night, Shirley was writing a letter about transportation issues, which will be delivered.

Commissioner Fisher also received several calls over the weekend, as usual, about the state of the roads.

Commissioner Fisher had a positive opportunity to be in Rainier when the Vietnam wall was brought to the City. There will be a ceremony officially opening the wall, which is a miniature of the Vietnam wall in D.C. He encourages people in the County to make a trip to Rainier to see it.

With that, the Board recessed and will reconvene in approximately 45 minutes to tour the transit facilities.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting  
Board Office Administrator

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