

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

August 19, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Fisher was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Stephanie Klepel, 34067 Sykes Road, St. Helens: She is here today on behalf of the Parks Advisory Committee. Back on 6/25, Glen Crinklaw gave the lease agreement between DSL and the County to County Counsel, to lease the property at Dibble Beach for a park. To date, the Parks Committee hasn't heard anything and she is wondering if there is any status update. Robin McIntyre explained that it comes down to work load. She has looked at it a couple of times, but more time sensitive issues must be moved to the top. She will try to get to it soon. Stephanie asked if there might be a progress report ready to present to the Parks Committee when they meet again on 9/16. Robin stated that she should have something to report by then.

Rory Hemin, 66350 Bishop Creek Road, Deer Island: He has personally given hundreds of volunteer hours on Dibble Point, Camp Wilkerson and the CZ Trail. Dibble Point has been a great recreational point with all kinds of competing user groups. They have been working hard to try to get the vandalism down, the crime rate down and to stop it from being a dumping site. As a citizen of this county, he believes this is a high priority, not a low priority.

GENE HASENKAMP - REQUEST IMPROVEMENTS TO GILMORE ROAD:

Gene Hasenkamp, 32800 Scappoose Vernonia Hwy, Scappoose: Gene is here today representing the property owners adjacent to and along Gilmore Road. Many years ago, the county chip sealed most of the roads in Columbia County, but they forgot Gilmore Road. For a road that is just over a mile long, it impacts a lot of people. Those living in the mobile home park, live basically underneath the road and the dust literally engulfs them to a point where they can't go outside. The cost to chip seal this

road would be minimal compared other roads that serve less people. The cost could be further reduced by just chip sealing the east end of the road, which effects most of the property owners and do the rest of the road when the budget allows. Over the past years, he has been on contact with the Road Department but he just keeps getting the run-around. While getting signatures on the petition (he just submitted to the Board), he heard from many that they also just got the run-around from the Road Department. When Gene went to the department to get a list of road projects, he was told there was no list. The only thing he got from them was confirmation that they would get an email out to him, detailing what the property owners could expect to pay for improvements to Gilmore Road. That's not what the owners want - they want the County to do it. He asked that the Commissioners consider this petition for next years budget.

Heimuller commented on the Road Department budget, how the list of annual road improvements are determined, maintenance costs of chip sealed roads, etc. Dave Hill, Public Works Director, first apologized for not getting that requested list to Mr. Hasenkamp. He then briefly noted the most current road projects, the inventory and surveys to determine their conditions which results in the list of priorities. He would be happy to share that information with Gene. Dave made an appointment to meet with Gene on Friday to discuss this further and a possible LID option.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 8/10/15 & 8/17/15.
- (B) Cancel the August 26, 2015 Board and Staff meeting.
- (C) Approve temporary exemption to 400 hour vacation leave accrual for Nancy Sullivan until January 1, 2016.
- (D) Order 43-2015, "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of Portions of Foster Street, Second Street, River Street, and Lake Street in the Goble Plat".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 30960 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Commercial Vehicle, Driver and Cargo Inspection and authorize Sheriff Dickerson to Sign".

The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRIBUTION TO “BUY LOCAL” CAMPAIGN:

Chuck Daughtry, Columbia County Economic Team, has submitted a request to the County for a contribution of \$1,000 to the “Buy Local” campaign. After a brief discussion about the program, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 from the Economic Development budget for the “Buy Local” campaign. The motion carried unanimously.

CONNECTOREGON V AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR THE RAINIER STATION:

Janet Wright, CC Rider, was present to request approval of the *ConnectOregon V* Agreement with ODOT for the Rainier Transit Center. Robin confirmed that she has reviewed this agreement and has no concerns. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the *ConnectOregon V* ODOT Grant Agreement #30620 for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for the Rainier Transit Center. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller updated the Board on the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, a group in which he represents the County. The CCO has been in a very lengthy strategic planning process for the past year and it is now starting to wind down. He gave a brief report on the CCO, how it came to be and the purpose of the program.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde talked about the discussions with BLM on the Harvest Management Plan, that affects 2.2 million acres of O&C land in Oregon. BLM and the planning contingent, on which he sits, have come up with preferred option, of the five options, for continuous management of the O&C lands. As he has said many times, we don't agree with any of the options. He believes that the mis-management that we have right now would produce more revenue for the counties than any of the 5 options on the table. The comment period ends this Friday. There will be a conference call with all O&C Counties today at 2:00 to discuss the plan and develop comments.

On Monday he was in the Governor's office to meet with Resource Management representatives. They talked with the Governor on how they can respond within the time frame allowed and how the State legislative body should also comment, because it means somewhere between \$150 and \$200 million annually to the counties.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Not present.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th day of August, 2015.

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

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: Not Present
Earl Fisher, Commissioner