

12-08-2015

Columbia County Board of Commissioners - Emergency Meeting

Present by conference phone:

Commissioner Earl Fisher

Commissioner Tony Hyde

County Counsel Sarah Hanson

On Site: Commissioner Henry Heimuller

Steve Pegram, Emergency Manager

Lonny Welter, Road Department

Vincent Aarts, Emergency Management

Meeting was called to order at 2345 hrs by Chair Heimuller. Reason for meeting was to discuss the need for a resolution declaring a State of Emergency due to a severe weather event. Discussion was held among the board and counsel, regarding situations present countywide, as well as the appropriate process for this declaration, and the approval of sending a letter to the Office of Emergency Management. After thorough discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded the approval of Resolution No. 67-2015 In the Matter of a Declaration of a State of Emergency due to a severe weather event. After discussion, motion carried unanimously authorizing the Chair to sign.

Further, Commissioner Hyde moved, and Commissioner Fisher seconded a motion to authorize sending a letter to the Office of Emergency Management asking the Governor to immediately declare an emergency/ disaster to provide additional supplemental disaster relief to the County, and authorize the Chair to sign. After the opportunity for further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed until 0800hrs 12/09/2015.

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Meeting was reconvened at 0800 hrs 12/09/2015.

Present:

Commissioner Henry heimuller
Commissioner Tony Hyde
Commissioner Earl Fisher
County Counsel Sarah Hansen
Asst. County Counsel Robin McIntire
Lonny Welter
Steve Pegram, Emergency Manager

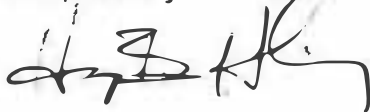
Received an incident briefing from Steve Pegram. The City of Vernonia is currently isolated with all roads in and out flooded. Lonny Welter reports that Scappoose - Vernonia road is closed in 2 places, Apiary Road is closed 1 mile from Hwy 47, Hwy 47 is closed due to a landslide at the summit, Hwy 202 is closed just past the Columbia-Clatsop line due to a 300 foot washout destroying they roadway. Highway 30 is closed in the Nicoli Road area due to several landslides with no ETA on re-opening.

Clatskanie, Rainier and Vernonia schools are closed and St.Helens schools are on snow routes. CCRider buses are on limited routes, mainly due to Highway 30 closures.

Established that Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher are unable to get to the courthouse due to road closures and flooding. They will call in for this morning's 10 am Board of Commissioner's meeting. We will postpone the scheduled public hearing regarding ambulance service franchises, as well as the public hearing regarding a livestock attack. We were advised by EM staff that the City of Clatskanie is in the process of an emergency declaration this morning.

With nothing else coming before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 0820 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Heimuller', written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Henry Heimuller, Chair