

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

INTERVIEW EOC APPLICANT:

This matter was held during the morning Board meeting.

INTERVIEW HSEMC APPLICANT:

The Board met with Doug Griesen to interview for an open position on the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission. No decisions were made at this time.

COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ON PITTSBURG ROAD:

Todd Dugdale, Robert Crain, Erin O'Connell and Sarah Hanson met with the Board to discuss concerns related to a property taken by the County through foreclosure in 2014. The property is currently being occupied and sewage is seeping from unpermitted mobile homes on the property. Staff provided some options to abate the issues. The Board directed staff to proceed with all abatement options, including but not limited to Abatement of Dangerous Building process and legal eviction process.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR POSITION:

Jean Ripa met briefly with the Board to discuss the interview held today for Emergency Management Director. After discussion, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to direct Jean Ripa to negotiate a job offer with the candidate, pending successful completion of the background check. The motion passed unanimously.***

REQUEST TO CREATE POSITIONS IN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

Casey Garrett, Facilities Director, came before the Board to request approval for the creation of (3) new positions identified as Facilities Services Technician 1, 2 and 3. These positions will replace the current Facilities Maintenance Mechanic 1 and 2. After discussion, ***Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the creation of the positions of: Facilities Services Technician 1 and assign to salary range 23; Facilities Services Technician 2 and assign to salary***

range 24; Facilities Services Technician 3 and assign to salary range 25. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ROAD EVENT: BRIDGE TO BREAKERS BICYCLE RIDE:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, met with the Board regarding the Public Road Event Permit Application for Bridge to Breaker's Bicycle Ride. He wanted to confirm their resolve to deny this permit, if the route includes the use of Scappoose Vernonia Road. The Board confirmed that, due to the safety concerns for both vehicle and bike traffic, they will not approve this application. Based on discussion, Lonny will contact the sponsor of this event and let them know that they can submit the application, but the Board will deny it if Scappoose-Vernonia Road is included.

IGA WITH SUNSET EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT:

This item was pulled from the morning session to allow the Board to fully review. At this time, **Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and Sunset Empire Transit District for Lower Columbia Connector Transit Service. The motion carried unanimously.**

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th day of July, 2015.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator