

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2015

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

CAT - VETERANS PROGRAM:

Jim Tierney and Dan Brown with Community Action Team, were present for discussion on the veterans' budget and their request for additional funding due to the increase of dollars received from the State. CAT will do some further research on the numbers and report back to the Board.

AGREEMENT FOR JAIL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss three contracts currently in negotiation. Sarah explained that the County has been in the contract negotiation phase of the Jail Inmate Management Software RFP for several months. The RFP required all contract changes to be identified in the proposals. However, the selected contractor requested many changes to the contract terms after selection and that has caused a slow down of the process. Sarah went over some contract terms that have not be resolved, including insurance, indemnification, and limitations of liability. The Board instructed Sarah to proceed with the County's standard language.

OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY LEASE:

Sarah then addressed a lease agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for use of space on the second floor of the Old Courthouse. Sarah explained some of the terms that were negotiated and how they were resolved. The Board directed Sarah to add the Lease to the consent agenda when a clean document is received.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DHS:

Finally, Sarah discussed an agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for environmental health services. Sarah reminded the Board about the history of the agreement and went over the contract terms that remain unresolved. The Board discussed potential liability arising from the agreement if we cannot terminate it. Given that the State has made it clear that it will hold the County liable for the overall program despite the County's limited participation, the Board was not comfortable proceeding with the Agreement on the State's terms. The Board directed Sarah to respond to the State that the County will agree to oversee environmental health services only with the changes requested by Counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

REQUEST TEMPORARY LEAVE INCREASE FOR ROAD SUPERVISORS:

Jean Ripa presented a request to the Board for consideration of a temporary increase in the allowed accrual of compensatory leave for the Road Department District Supervisors. The positions are FLSA non-exempt and not represented by a bargaining unit. The Personnel Rules dictate that these employees can only accrue up to 40 hours of comp leave. It is a good policy for the County to reduce the amount of comp leave accrued because of the liability it represents. However, the Union contracts all allow for 80 hours of accrual. This is really only an issue in the Road Department. After some discussion, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the temporary increase in allowed compensatory leave accruals from 40 hours to 80 hours for the Road Department District Supervisors until the revised Personnel Rules are presented and approved. The motion passed unanimously.***

DATA CENTER UPDATE:

While present, Jean Ripa discussed her memo to the Board regarding options of a hosted Data Center vs moving the current Data Center in house. Jean reviewed the disadvantages and advantages of hosted systems, which are detailed in her memo. While she understands that the County cannot fund the increased costs for a partially hosted Data Center, she believes that is the pathway to follow for the future. It may be 1-5 years before the funding can be a reality but that will also allow the industry time to mature. Her proposal is that the current space be improved to a certain level and that the County pursue the partially hosted Data Center for the future. After discussion, the Commissioners indicated their approval of this concept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

WATER CONSERVATION & PROTECTION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Erin O'Connell, Robin McIntyre came before the Board, along with Kari Hollander and Tyler Joki with the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District. Erin reviewed her memo to the Board dated 12/2/15, giving an update on the activities and vision of the Water Conservation and Protection Committee and its partner agencies. Discussion was held on the county's role associated with water resource goals and policies. Representatives from the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) presented the executive summary of a ground water study performed in 2013 and how that model can be used on a larger scale to continue a comprehensive water resource study of the entire county. County participation and funding of future efforts was

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16th day of December, 2015.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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