

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Anthony Hyde. Commissioner Earl Fisher was not present.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST FOR WITNESS FEE:

Steve Atchison and Dawn Hunt, DA Office, met with the Board regarding their request for approval of the material witness fee, which will need to be paid in the matter of State of Oregon v. Dustin Eugene Ceballos, a necessary witness in the upcoming State v. Kirk Travis Avila murder trial. After some discussion, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to authorize the payment of \$1,162.50 to Dustin Ceballos as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.***

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT:

Janet Wright, CC Rider, was present to discuss a project request, using new grant funds that she had sent out to the department heads for comment. She wanted the Board to know about the funding and that the deadline for the STF funds is in February. A public hearing must be held for anyone in the community who might want to apply for this funding. Janet has sent out the notice and told the Board that projects are being formulated for applications.

Janet discussed the issues with First Transit. It was agreed that a letter be sent to them indicating our concerns and identifying a timeline for improvement.

Janet asked about her request to stay in the Transit department until November 2016. The Board indicated that there were constituent concerns that Commissioner Fisher had been reviewing and that the Board need to discuss them. It was suggested that Janet meet with Commissioner Fisher first and then she could meet with the full Board determine a course of action.

INVOICE FOR FLASHALERT NEWSWIRE:

Janet explained that FlashAlert is a regional media notification mechanism for public notifications. The idea is that you put out one media release on flash alert and it then goes to all available media in the region. For Public Information Officers, it is essential for public notice of emergency information for Columbia County. Janet has one for CC Rider that she can use when there is snow or icy conditions to let riders know if the buses are running or not. Janet has an invoice from FlashAlert and had tried to contact EOC for payment but has had no response. The Board directed Janet to give the billing to Jan Greenhalgh, who will contact both EOC and FlashAlert to ensure that the County maintains this service.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th day of November, 2015.

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Not Present
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator