

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

ELEVATOR DISCUSSION:

Casey Garrett met with the Board to give a brief status update on the elevator project and to discuss options for the interior panel design. No decisions were made.

CC RIDER - SERVICE DISTRICT VS. SPECIAL DISTRICT:

Members of the Citizens Transit Advisory Committee met with the Board to discuss the CTAC recommendation that the County establish a special transportation district for CC Rider transit services. The discussion included a summary of the 7/18/15 memo from staff to the Board as to the CTAC's reasoning for their recommendation and a further discussion of the proposed measure to fund the special district when it is established.

County Counsel staff provided a summary of establishing a district process and it was determined that the measure would be put on the May 2016 ballot. The Board directed staff to have this added to the 9/9/15 agenda to allow the Board to publicly discuss the issue and approve the decision to establish a special district and levy amount in the 20 to 25 cent range.

DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL FOR FORECLOSED PROPERTY:

This matter was held over two weeks.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Vincent Aarts and Jennifer Cuellar were present for discussion.

WEYERHAEUSER REQUEST FOR GATE ON WHITNEY ROAD:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss a proposal made by Weyerhaeuser to place a gate on Whitney County Road right-of-way. Mike Cooper of Weyerhaeuser was also present.

Mike Cooper explained why Weyerhaeuser is asking for a gate at this location and the reason for gates in general for security of Weyerhaeuser property. Dave reviewed his report, outlined in his memo to the Board dated 8/24/15. The discussion evolved into more than just the issue of the one particular gate but more about the relationship between Weyerhaeuser, the public, and the County, along with the issues of Camp 8,

CZ Trail, Weyerhaeuser's permit program, and undeveloped County Road right-of-ways across timberland.

No action was taken on the issue of the gate request. Instead, the Board would like to have a more general discussion about all of the related issues with perhaps several representatives from Weyerhaeuser, County Parks, and County Roads, with the intent of trying to develop a plan that can be acceptable to everyone involved.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of September, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: Not Present
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator