

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2015

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

**MEETING WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Commissioners Heimuller and Fisher met with Jean Ripa and union representatives Tristan Wood, Andy Chavira, Erin O'Connell, Deb Jacob and Trin Monahan. Commissioner Heimuller talked with the group about developing a communication and strategic plan for the County. Commissioner Fisher then gave an update on the budget process. The current forecast shortfall for FY17 is nearly \$2million. The cash carryover from FY15 which exceeded the budget by around \$1million will be used to help plug that large hole. He also talked about the PERS decision and the effect on County PERS rates, which are expected to increase. Fortunately, given the Commissioners decision to bank the difference when rates were cut, the County is better able to meet this change.

The group then talked about job creation efforts in the County.

**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, ***Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to deny the Step 3 grievance of Sean Moore. The motion passed unanimously.***

**DATA CENTER UPDATE:**

Jean Ripa updated the Commissioners on the status of the Data Center project. She noted that she had the quotes necessary to make a decision about moving the Data Center but, under the urging of Commissioner Heimuller, was getting information about the possibility of moving to a partial or complete hosted Data Center. This will take some time, which was unexpected when original timelines were developed. Commissioner Heimuller reiterated his support for taking the time to ensure we were pursuing the most effective option for the County.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:**

While present, Jean Ripa also presented the Commissioners with a draft letter of expectations for the new Emergency Management Director, as well as a press release. After review and comment, Jean noted that she would send the updated formats to Jan Greenhalgh for final preparation and Board signature.

**WEYERHAEUSER APPEAL OF PLA DENIALS:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, was present to give the Board an update on the upcoming appeal hearing on the WEYERHAEUSER applications, set for 10/7/15. He highlighted the key findings in support of the staff recommendation. Todd and Robin McIntyre answered questions regarding the request, the applicable review criteria and findings to assist the Board in their preparations for hearing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Litigation:**

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

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE: REQUEST CONVEYANCE OF CHAPMAN LANDING:**

This matter was held over one week.

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

This matter was held over one week.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Present  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator