

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2016

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

MEETING WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

The Board met with Jean Ripa and Union representatives Andy Chavira, Erin O'Connell, Deb Jacob and Tristan Wood for general discussion and update. Erin presented some information about supporting entrepreneurs in the community, which lead to some lengthy discussion on economic development in Columbia County.

Commissioner Fisher updated the group on the status of the budget and the elimination of the furloughs in FY17. He noted that the budget shortfall in FY18 was substantial for the County and, of even more concern, was the projected shortfall at the State level.

CHUCK DAUGHTRY - REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

Chuck Daughtry, CCET Director came before the Board along with Brian Little to discuss the need for a one time funding request of \$25,000 for the purpose of CCET obtaining some direct assistance from a variety of consulting service providers during this critical phase of the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center – Scappoose project. The funds will be used to obtain legal services, business planning, engineering services and materials for tasks to be performed in support of the creation and implementation of the OMIC. Those tasks shall include creation of the legal entity and preparation of the business plan. Chuck presented information on the Scope of Work outline, the OMIC Funding Request and Economic Development Investment request, along with a site map of the proposed project at the Scappoose Industrial Airpark.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the request for \$25,000 to be paid to CCET for purposes as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

JAIL COMMANDER POSITION:

Jean Ripa then discussed her memo to the Board regarding the salary range of the Jail Commander. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the assignment of the Jail Commander position to E07,

effective May 1, 2016. Under discussion, Commissioner Heimuller felt that Sheriff Dickerson should be present for this issue and with that, Commissioner Fisher tabled the motion.

OVERTIME PROVISIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Jean Ripa next discussed her memo regarding establishing a FLSA 7(k) exemption for non represented law enforcement personnel. The Commissioners agreed with her request to place an order related to this on their next consent agenda.

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.

BID FOR CARCUS CREEK TIMBER HARVEST:

Glen Crinklaw, Parks Director, presented the Board with the bid tabulation for the logging contractors who submitted bids for the Carcus Creek timber harvest. He explained the methodology used to determine the least cost bidder and recommended that the Board approve the issuance of the Notice of Intent Award to Paulson Logging, Inc. Commissioner Hyde questioned whether pre-poling would be part of the Scope of Work and Commissioner Fisher questioned Glen's confidence level in the projected net income amount. Glen stated that his confidence is high and said that there is a stronger upside potential given a recent uptick in the domestic log market.

Robin McIntyre then addressed the Weyerhaeuser road access agreement. She expressed concern about the "gross negligence" language in the agreement's indemnification provision. Glen was directed to go back to Weyerhaeuser with a request to remove the term "gross" from the indemnification provision.

After discussion, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to Award the timber harvest contract to Paulson Logging, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.***

TRANSIT ITEMS:

Janet Wright was present to request the Board review the letter to First Transit in response to the operations plan that had been submitted by Don Swain. After review of the letter, there was Board consensus to have Janet send out the letter.

AMENDMENT TO PSC THE GEODESIGN

While present, Janet addressed the amendment to the contract with Geodesign for the additional work at the St. Helens Transit Center. After discussion and review, she directed staff to add this amendment to the next consent agenda for action.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th day of April, 2016.

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By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator