

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:

Sherrie Ford, Public Health Administrator, came before the Board to present a detailed report showing increased utilization amongst the public health clinics. She also provided an update on Modernization of Public Health and HB 3100. Columbia County will need to be engaged with the Public Health Authority delegation workgroup later in 2017.

ENTERPRISE ZONE POLICY RESOLUTION:

Chuck Daughtry, CCET, met with the Board to request their approval of a resolution for extended Enterprise Zone benefits for both the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone and the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. After some discussion, the Board will add approval to an upcoming agenda.

TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:

The Board and Jean Ripa met to discuss the possible employment of Charles Stolte as the County Transit Administrator. Jean presented some options and reviewed prior history and policy.

The Board then met with Charlie Stolte to discuss the position and offered him the job. The Board gave Jean Ripa guidance on the job offer that was accepted by Charlie Stolte. They directed Jean to prepare the appropriate documentation for approval on the upcoming agenda.

Later in the meeting, the Board met with Jean Ripa, Sarah Hanson and Robin McIntyre to discuss options regarding the needed immigration documentation to allow Charlie Stolte, who is a Canadian citizen, to work in the United States. Jean has spoken to Representative Bonamici's office and has a call into Senator Johnson's office. Commissioner Hyde will follow up with a contact to get the name of a reliable immigration attorney. Discussion followed on the necessary steps to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)(f) - LITIGATION/EXEMPT RECORDS:

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

The Board recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. Present were Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Heimuller and Commissioner Fisher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(a) - EMPLOYMENT:

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(a). Upon coming out of Executive Session, **Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to offer the position of Public Information Coordinator to Karen Kane. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21st day of September, 2016.

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By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner