

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2016

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

SENATE BILL 1513: HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR SPOUSES:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss Senate Bill 1513 which provides that a county may provide a homestead exemption from property taxes for surviving spouses of certain public safety officers including fire service professionals, and police and reserve officers killed in the line of duty. The Board discussed the process options and whether to hold a public hearing. The Board directed Counsel to discuss the option with Commissioner Hyde.

ODOT FUND EXCHANGE CHANGES IN 2016:

Tristan Wood, Road Department, met with the Board to discuss the changes in ODOT funding for Bridge Replacement, Enhancement Projects, and the upcoming All Road Transportation Safety (ARTS) funding the County will receive. The County has been awarded \$1.1 million dollars (\$450, 000 more than originally requested) for safety improvements along Apiary Road and Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy. Since the County was able to show the significance and need for the safety improvements, additional funding was awarded for the curve signs, delineation of roadway, and clearance of roadway runoff in certain areas.

With the changes in Fund Exchange, the County will now manage projects directly instead of through ODOT oversight. This will be an improvement to aid in the delivery of projects to County residents. Board supported movement in this direction to deliver projects. No formal action was needed on this item.

WEBLEDS CONTRACT:

Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, was present to discuss the WebLEDS contract. She explained that the Sheriff's office would like to purchase software that will allow web-based access to the State's LEDS (Law Enforcement Data Systems) database, increasing efficiency while lowering cost. However, the software is only available from KRP Data Systems. KRP's license and maintenance agreements contain objectionable terms, such as a term requiring the County to indemnify KRP. KRP is unwilling to change the terms of its agreement and unwilling to accept many key terms of the County's contract. Because KRP is the only source for the product, the Commissioners were willing to accept KRP's terms in light of the situation. The software will be purchased through a purchase order with KRP's terms attached, which

Robin will place on an upcoming consent agenda.

RENEWAL OF JAIL OPERATIONS LEVY:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss revised ballot title language for the proposed 2016 Jail operating levy. A revised draft was distributed for discussion. The Board gave counsel direction to include language that the two primary, non-levy, sources of Jail funding are the County's General Fund and federal bed rentals. Language should also be clear that even with the consistent General Fund support (since the 2014 levy) and bed rental revenue, the Jail still cannot operate at its current levels without renewal of the jail operating levy. Counsel will revise the language. The matter will be placed on the 7.20 regular meeting agenda under discussion.

GENERAL SERVICES/PARKS MANAGEMENT:

Casey Garrett, Dave Hill, and Glen Crinklaw met with the Board to discuss merging the Parks Department with Facilities and General Services Department. Dave and Glen gave an overview of the Parks Department and the challenges associated with the overall management of County Parks. The group agreed that it would be important to transition into a new department structure within the next five months before Glen Crinklaw retires at the end of December. Casey will attend next month's Parks Advisory Committee meeting where Dave and Glen will introduce him to the committee, explain this proposed transition and ask for their input on the matter. In addition, Casey will begin meeting with Glen on a more regular basis to form a better understanding of what will be required to successfully manage and continue to improve the County Parks Department. No motions were made.

AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES:

Janet Wright, Director of CC Rider Transportation, met with the Board to discuss an agreement between Columbia County and herself regarding her voluntary services for the My Fair Lady Parades. The Board approved of the agreement and Commissioner Heimuller signed it.

EXPECTATION LETTER TO JOHN ANDOH - TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Letter of Expectation to John Andoh, new Transit Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner