

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 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.

TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TO CAT:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss two parcels of property that have been designated for transfer to Community Action Team for low income housing. Sarah discussed the two options for authorizing transfer and the pros and cons of each. The Board directed Sarah to proceed with a transfer for low income housing under ORS 271.330, charging only the County's costs associated with the transfer. Sarah will work with the Board's Office Administrator to schedule the hearing and will work with the County's property manager to establish the County's administrative costs and draft the appropriate documentation.

REWARD ORDINANCE:

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, met with the Board to discuss a proposed Ordinance to adopt a new reward ordinance and repeal the County's existing reward ordinance, Ordinance 201. Sarah explained that the existing Ordinance is out of date and does not give the Sheriff authority to offer and pay rewards in a timely manner, making the tool less useful for law enforcement purposes. The new Ordinance would authorize the Sheriff to use judgment when appropriate to offer rewards. The Board directed Sarah to put the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-4 on an upcoming agenda.

OACES IGA:

Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel, and Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor, met with the Board to continue the discussion on the OACES IGA from last week's staff meeting. After following up with AOC, Commissioner Hyde explained that he felt comfortable with joining in the IGA that would establish OACES as a separate entity. Commissioners Fisher and Heimuller also expressed support for the IGA. Robin will prepare an ordinance, which is required for ORS 190 entities, and will bring it to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

John Andoh, Transit Director, provided an update regarding transit operations for the past eight days since being hired on July 18, 2016. He discussed the contract with MTR Western, meetings attended, relocation to the area and the key priorities for transit, including relationship building and the ways to approach that. John established that as of right now, weekly updates will be provided to the Commissioners regarding transit. This Thursday, he will take a trip with Commissioner Heimuller to Sunset Empire Transportation District.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd day of August, 2016.

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By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Ashley Chen
Acting Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner