

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2015

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**A&T STATEMENT ON WEBSITE REGARDING CHD REFUNDS:**

Sarah Hanson met with the Board to discuss a statement to be added to the Assessment and Taxation website as information to taxpayers related to the Columbia Health District dissolution. Sarah provided the Board with a draft statement for discussion. The Board directed Sarah to clarify that the District Board referred to in the statement is the Columbia Health District Board, rather than the Board of County Commissioners. Sarah agreed to make the changes and to then submit it in final form to Sue Martin for posting to the website.

**FACILITIES UPDATE:**

Casey Garrett presented the Board with a 4-page detail of the various facilities services projects. General discussion was held on the janitorial services and supplies; the HVAC preventive maintenance; the elevator upgrade and the remodel of space in the old courthouse for the new County Counsel offices. No action was needed.

**WEYERHAEUSER LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT:**

Todd Dugdale and Robin McIntyre were present for discussion. Todd reviewed the staff and Planning Commission findings, testimony from three persons received during the 7 day period for additional written testimony and the WREDCO final rebuttal. This briefing was outlined in Todd's Board Communication dated October 15, 2015 which was provided to the Board for the meeting. The briefing was for the purpose of assisting the Board in their deliberations scheduled for the October 28, 2015 Board meeting. No formal action was needed at this time.

**HOVLAND DRIVE - ROAD VACATION:**

Dave Hill was present to discuss Hovland Drive. Todd Dugdale and Robin McIntyre were also present. There exists a proposal to vacate a short stub of road off of Hovland Way that was required by the County as part of a partition many years ago. There was no objection to moving forward with this proposal and therefore the Road Department will proceed with a proposal to initiate the vacation. Dave mentioned that it will be important not to landlock any property in this process.

**HALE ROAD PROPERTY:**

Secondly, Dave discussed a proposal for the Road Department to use the property that

the County currently owns at the end of Hale Road as a disposal site for excavated material from roadsides. Robin mentioned that we should review the road easement for the property and Dave said that the Road Department would take care to keep the property functional and would maintain Hale Road and the access road to the property. There was consensus of the Board that the Road Department can use this property and it was also suggested that this matter be discussed with the current property manager for the County. The County may want to consider properties like this to be reserved for forestry use managed by the County.

**BEAVER DIKE ROAD:**

Lastly, Dave addressed Beaver Dike Road and reviewed his memo to the Board dated 10/9/15. It was brought to Dave's attention that Beaver Dike Road may not be a "County Road" and a citizen wanted to know why we were spending so much time and money on it. Dave mentioned that there were many residences and properties that require the use of Beaver Dike Road to access their properties and that Inglis Road and Rantala Road are both "County Roads" and the only access to those homes is by use of Beaver Dike Road since the bridge on Inglis Road has been out of commission for over 30 years. On a 1977 ODOT map, it shows Beaver Dike Road as being a County Road and the County has maintained it as such for many years prior to this. Dave also mentioned that Columbia Agriculture Company likely owned most of the land prior to 1920 and when they sold the parcels in 1920 all of the deeds provided the language **"and hereby reserving a right of way on top of the dikes fronting said property for a public county road"** and although this does not in itself make this road a County Road, it does show that it was intended to be a County Road at one time. There was consensus by the Board that the Road Department should continue to maintain this road as a County Road.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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

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