

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

July 15, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the July 8, 2015 Board meeting were held over one week.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to introduce Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, newly hired Solid Waste Program Coordinator for Columbia County. She comes most recently from Charlotte, North Carolina. Her husband came to Oregon for a job at DEQ and this is where they want to stay. The Board welcomed her aboard.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 7/13/15.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (B) Amendment #6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Work Crew Services.
- (C) Personal Services Contract with Helion Software, Inc., for Assessment and Taxation Software Services.
- (D) Maintenance Plan Contract with Crossmatch Technologies and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (E) Grant Agreement #30412 with ODOT, Public Transit Division.
- (F) Ratify Amendment #4 to the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program Contract FY2009 FEMA Grant Agreement #EMS-2009-FM-E001, FMA-PJ-10-OR-2009-005 with Oregon Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM & AMERICORP RECRUITMENT:**

Vincent Aarts, Emergency Management, came to update the Board on the Community Preparedness Program and the request to recruit of an Americorp staff person. The County has been using Americorp for the past 3 years and it's a great program and benefit to the county. After discussion and general comments, there was Board consensus direct Vincent to move forward with recruitment.

### **NOTICE OF INTENT: MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT:**

Tony Weaver, Jail Commander, and Deputy Brian Pixley, came before the Board to address the contract for medical and mental health services for the Columbia County Jail. The two proposals received were from Correctional Health Partners and the current contractor Correct Care Solutions. Both were good, but Correct Care Solutions came in at \$120,000 under the other bid. Tony would ask that the Board approve the Notice of Intent to Award the contract to Correct Care Solutions. Sarah noted that the next step would be to negotiate the contract with CCS and bring that back before the Board for consideration. After some questions and clarification, ***Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to award the contract to Correct Care Solutions for medical and mental health services for the Columbia County Jail. The motion carried unanimously.***

Commissioner Heimuller asked that a copy of both proposals be sent over to the Board office for review

While present, Commissioner Fisher asked how the issue of mental health conditions in the Jail are being dealt with and how those in need are being treated. Commander Weaver stated that currently the Jail provides 8 hours a week of mental health services and, with the new contract, that will be increased to 16 hours a week.

### **PGE COMMUNITY PICNIC:**

Commissioner Heimuller reminded all that Portland General Electric is hosting a picnic this Friday, 7/17/15 at Clatskanie City Park from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. as a

celebration for the completion of their Port Westward project. The public is invited to attend.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that today is the opening of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia County Fair & Rodeo and noted all the different events happening today starting at noon. This is not only the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Fair, but also for the Warren Grange, the Kiwanis International and the St. Helens Library. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that the entire Fair has been run by a total volunteer staff with no direct county funding. There was a dinner last night hosted by Blackbird Catering and Pacific Stainless for over 300 volunteers as a thank you for all of their hard work. They are anticipating a huge turnout this year and has even contracted for overflow parking. He also wanted to thank CC Rider and those who sponsor them for transporting people to the Fair that may not otherwise be able to attend. A big thank you to all of those who are making this celebration happen.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde just returned home late last night from the NACo conference in Charlotte, NC. This conference always those around the country to get together and discuss issues that effect all of our 3,000 + counties in the US. As always, it was very informative and a great success. One idea brought back from the conference is the Veterans Writing project. This is a very successful project throughout the country.

He received a call yesterday from the Director of BLM. The good news is that they have approved a 30 day extension for comments on the Forest Management Plan.

Jennifer Cuellar, the County Finance Director, has again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement from the Government Financial Officers Association. This is not an easy award to obtain. Congratulations to Jennifer and her staff for a job well done.

He briefly commented on the close out of FEMA funding for the Vernonia School Project.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher also attended the NACo conference. He sits on the Telecommunication Committee and met with vendors who are looking at providing broadband service to rural areas.

He too wanted to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors who help to make this a very successful 100<sup>th</sup> Columbia County Fair.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of July, 2015.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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Henry Heimuller, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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