

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 3, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 following minutes:

- March 18, 2015 Board meeting;
- March 18, 2015 Staff meeting;
- April 8, 2015 Board meeting;
- April 8, 2015 Staff meeting;
- April 15, 2015 Board meeting;
- April 15, 2015 Staff meeting;
- April 22, 2015 Board meeting;
- April 22, 2015 Staff meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**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 6/1/15.

- (B) Appoint Catharine Bell to the Columbia County Cultural Coalition for a three year term.
- (C) Appoint Nick Rohrig to the Columbia County Citizens Transit Advisory Committee for a three year term.
- (D) Appoint Jeff Peterson to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a three year term.
- (E) Order No. 23-2015, "In the Matter of Declaring a Financial Exigency and Establishing a Furlough Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- (F) Order No. 28-2015, "In the Matter of Supporting the Update of the Columbia County Transit Plan and County Staff's Application for an Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Transportation and Growth Management Grant".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Columbia County Courthouse Art Project Release Agreement with Victoria Ann Worrall.
- (H) License and Maintenance Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the "Before I Die" Art Installation in the Courthouse Plaza and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with the St. Helens Community Foundation for Use of County Facilities for "13 Nights on the River" and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**FURLOUGH LETTERS FOR FY 2015-2016:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the furlough letters to be mailed out today to all effected employees for FY 2015-16. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller has been working hard lately on State Work Source issues. He participated in a two hour conference call to discuss the planning of their new Work Source region out here. Then another hour long call trying to wrap up the business of The Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance, our previous workforce region area. As this all progresses, they are hoping to find some efficiencies and end up with a good working product. But for now, it's in a very complicated state.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde attended the Local Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday. There is a move afoot on the part of the State to mitigate the need for a women's prison. By working more pro-actively with the counties, providing the counties with revenue to bolster programs like our Drug Court, etc., the State hopes to avoid construction.

Yesterday, he attended the CEPA meeting. They are starting to tackle some rather large issues with regards to preparedness. Next year there will be a table top exercise on how to deal with a 9.0 earthquake across the region. We are all aware that it's not a question of if, but when an earthquake will hit this area and these scenarios have to be played out in order to be better prepared.

Today, he has already received 5 calls from Washington DC regarding a hearing taking place today with the Natural Resource Committee. There is some legislation that may effect our push for some management of the federal lands. There are also a couple of markups we're asking for on changes to the Title III funding and what those funds can be used for because it looks like it can only be used for federal BLM roads. Then there is the Resource Management Plan that is currently in the comment period and we're asking for an extension of the comment period to allow time for substantive comments.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Just as some followup on comments just made on workforce issues and emergency management. The operation of government is complex and sometimes people don't understand that. When he is out and about, he hears people that appear to have a quick and simple answer to everything. However, the process in getting everything done is extremely complex. It's the system that makes everything work and people need to educate themselves on that.

He was in Astoria yesterday attending the Early Learning Council meeting. It was the first official meeting of the Northwest HUB of the Early Learning Council. That's going to be a very interesting process, as they have 21 days before they have to reapply. It's an on-going process that there will be some changes on how services will be provided.

On Saturday, he attended the Sacagawea dinner auction. This program has been such a great success for this county. It's a school based health clinic which provides medical services to kids for various reasons. Those people need to be commended for the work they do.

This morning, he attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting. It was reported that ODOT has needed to borrow money from the Bennett Road improvement account for finish up another project, but they will be putting that money back into the account when the new appropriations come out after July 1. This points out that the highway system in this State is basically broke because the legislators are having a difficult time finding the money to put into our transportation system.

He commented on the Amani Center and all the good they do. They are struggling funding wise and could use some support from the community. If anyone is interested in wanting to help, they should contact the center.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2015.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

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

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

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