

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 6, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Fisher was not present.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15:

This is the time set for the public hearing on the proposed supplemental budget for Columbia County, FY 2014-15.

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, explained this supplemental budget hearing is required when there is a supplemental transfer beyond 10% and has been properly noticed. This will be fully reimbursed by the CCDA, it increases revenues in the category of "All Debt...".

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde has said before that the fact we now have sufficient revenue coming in to pay down the debt early is exactly what we hoped for. He explained the reasoning behind the creation of the Urban Renewal Plan and the tax increment monies received. To retire the debt service early is a very good thing. As soon as we can get this debt retired and the plan completed, we will have reached our goals. Some of the debt service was due to Hermo Road and the water system, and there is more to do for Kallunki Road. There is no other use for this revenue but to pay down the debt. Sarah noted that if the Board is in agreement to approve this supplemental budget, the Resolution is listed on today's consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. Sarah removed Item (I) as it is not yet ready for approval. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for the week of 5/4/15.
- (B) Resolution No. 16-2015, "In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
- (C) Appoint Catherine J. Ridenour to the Cultural Coalition for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018.
- (D) Authorize the County Finance Director to establish a reserve fund within the Sheriff's general fund enforcement budget a reserve fund for vehicle replacement.
- (E) Authorize the Sheriff to begin the procurement process for four sedans from the Sheriff's general fund enforcement budget and one van from the Jail fund budget.
- (F) Proclaim May 10-16, 2015 as "Parenting Education Awareness Week".
- (G) Amendment #15 to the 2013-2015 Intergovernmental Agreement #142058 with OHA and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 90G000254 with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Building Codes Division and authorize Todd Dugdale to sign.
- (I) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of St. Helens for Work Crew Services. **(PULLED AND HELD OVER)**
- (J) Personal Services Contract with ECO Northwest for Urban Renewal Administration.
- (K) Contract with Envi-Road for Earthbind Stabilizer Rejuvenating Asphalt.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller noted that Commissioner Fisher is attending the City/County Insurance Services Board meeting, as a Board member, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Oregon Fair Association conference last weekend and there is a new State Fair Director and a lot of changes going on with the Fairs throughout the state. Commissioner Hyde asked if that is going to be more privately funded. Commissioner Heimuller would think that would be up to the Director and his staff to come up with a plan for that.

Sunday afternoon he attended an event with the Columbia County Dairy Princess, who will be representing our county throughout the State.

He attended the CASA for Kids annual breakfast fund raiser yesterday. He is always inspired by the volunteers who make this a solid, vibrant program. He thinks that 280 kids are being served by CASA in our county along. He would encourage people to donate to this program.

Yesterday he attended the CAT symposium which lasted into the afternoon with a discussion about the veterans needs in this county. He learned where the limitations are. Vouchers are available from the state and federal government, but housing isn't available. There was a veteran with a voucher in his pocket to cover rent and utilities but there are no apartments available and he is living in a tent. They need to focus on getting more apartments built to try and alleviate that problem. He thinks this problem is only going to increase due to our proximity to the urban area. He will be attending the monthly NOHA meet tomorrow in Tillamook and this subject will be discussed there.

Representative Bonamici was in town yesterday and they discussed the transportation bill. When she and Merkley were in Vernonia for the town hall meeting, he also brought this subject up, stating that we need some solid funding for our failing systems. She really took that to heart and had a meeting with CC Rider to learn the problems be encountered. Commissioner Heimuller was very pleased that Bonamici asked some very relevant questions and stated that, she too, is very concerned. The current transportation funding is set to expire this month and there doesn't seem to be a lot of interest in getting more funding in place. If not, it could be disastrous for rural transportation systems.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Thursday to meet with the Coastal Caucus BLM. They asked him and others to come to discuss the draft Harvest Management Plan. They are back doing the plan all over again. The preferred option is not something they can support. O&C is vehemently opposed to it and they want the Coastal Caucus to ask for an extension of the comment period so we can use the time for a side-by-side, in-depth study of the options. Commissioner Hyde hopes they can take a compilation of alternative options and fix this issue, but it's going to be a battle. The Western Oregon Plan revision that came out in 2005 was something they could support.

On Monday he was in Salem and Portland helping the folks putting the Salmonberry trail system together and hoping not to make the same mistakes that have been made before. Because of ColPac, we were the first grant received and put fiber down on the Tillamook Highway.

He was in Portland working with Metro Group with regards to the last \$4 million for the Vernonia schools.

On Saturday, he met with Senator Johnson on sustainability issues.

Yesterday was the second annual Columbia County Economic Development Team fundraiser with the proceeds helping out the team for next year.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Not present.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th of May, 2015.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Cynthia Zemaitis,
Acting Board Office Administrator

By: _____ Not Present
Earl Fisher, Commissioner