



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 1, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting 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 March 18, 2015 Regular Board meeting and the March 18, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Chris Brumbles, 64835 Deer Island Heights, Deer Island, Oregon. Mr. Brumbles has read Resolution No. 8-2015 supporting 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights, and requests that one word in the Resolution be changed. In the third "WHEREAS" paragraph where it says "that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty", the word "democracy" should be changed to "republic", as both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions reflect.

Ray Briggs, 1535 - 4<sup>TH</sup> Street, St. Helens. Mr. Briggs agrees with Mr. Brambles and gives more background on why our country is a "republic" and not a "democracy", including the pledge of allegiance.

Mark Nelson, 50607 Elder Avenue, Scappoose. Mr. Nelson is also here to discuss the Resolution regarding 2nd Amendment gun rights and laws regarding firearms and right to bear arms. He just wanted to say that, if they outlaw the right to bear arms, only criminals would have guns. Commissioner Hyde stated that they are well aware of that.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Heimuller asked if Resolution No. 8-2015 should be pulled from the consent agenda. Commissioner Hyde agreed, stating that the proposed change should be discussed at the staff meeting before approved. Commissioner Heimuller then read the remaining consent

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for weeks of 03/23/15 and 3/30/15.
- (B) Resolution No. 8-2015, "In the Matter of a Resolution Supporting Second Amendment Rights". *[PULLED FOR DISCUSSION]*
- (C) Order 11 - 2015, "In the Matter of Updating the Columbia County Electronic Systems and Equipment Use (IT) Policy".
- (D) Order No. 12-2015, "In the Matter of Amending the Emergency Operation Plan- Emergency Support Function 8 for Public Health and Medical Services".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 150520 with the Oregon Judicial Department for Courthouse Elevator Improvements
- (F) Thirteenth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2013-2015 Agreement for the financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management and Columbia County for the Transfer of Personal Property and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland for Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and the following Governmental Entities: The City of St. Helens, The City of Scappoose, the City of Columbia City, the City of Rainier, the City of Clatskanie, the City of Vernonia, the Columbia River Fire and Rescue District, the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District, the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District, the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District, the Port of St. Helens, and the Columbia River People's Utility District, and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to mention that the Fair is ramping up sooner than usual and anyone interested in becoming a vendor for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair in the County should take steps now. The Fair Board has been working very hard; all the printed documents

go to press this month, so if supporters and vendors want to be included, they need to step up now.

This year's Fair will include the first introduction of a top-name country singer, John Michael Montgomery. Commissioner Heimuller is grateful that the Fair Board has stepped up – the Fair is running in the black; the fairgrounds is better maintained then it has been in decades; and, the current Board of Commissioners has strongly supported and encouraged them.

Mr. Briggs asked when the fair was going to be held. Commissioner Heimuller thinks it is July 16 through 21, but it is always the third week in July.

He also wanted to mention that his Saturday, again put together by all volunteers, is the annual tradition of the Megga Easter Egg hunt. There will be shuttle bus service by CC Rider from the high school to the Fairgrounds available, but there is also plenty of parking at the fairgrounds.

#### COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde stated there has been significant movement with regard to the Secure Rural Schools funding. As most know, we did not receive funding last year, and there has been a strong request in to all legislators to re-fund the SRS, pushing pretty hard in Washington, D.C. There, Commissioner Hyde had lunch with Congressman Walden, who assured him that there would be a strong push. He also talked to Blumenaur and Wyden, who also promised forward movement.

Last week Congressman Walden managed to attach a two-year extension to SRS to the so-called "Doc Fix" bill, which the House passed overwhelmingly. There has not been enough time to for the Senate to vote on it. Although woefully short of the historical funding, it will help the O&C Counties. They will continue working hard on a long-term fix.

#### COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher echoes the comments of Commissioner Heimuller about the Fair and Fair Board.

He wanted to mention that Clatskanie is also holding an egg hunt this coming Saturday. Commissioner Hyde stated that Vernonia is doing the same.

Last night at a meeting they heard from RSVP and wants to give a shout-out to this group of people, who help tremendously in the county.

Finally, Commissioner Fisher mentioned that, in the last couple of weeks, he has continued to remark about people driving and parking on train tracks. He seems to read every week about people being killed. He sends out a reminder not to stop on the tracks.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting  
Board Office Administrator

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