

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 4, 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 January 21, 2015 Board meeting; January 28, 2015 Board meeting; and January 28, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-1 - AMEND RURAL ADDRESSING ORDINANCE:**

Sarah Hanson explained that this ordinance is a result of the county ordinance review process that took place last summer, in which a number of ordinances that needed updating. She reviewed the purpose of the amendments to the ordinance before the Board here today, which is to bring all changes effecting the rural addressing system into one ordinance. A brief discussion was held on what it would take for a full codification of county ordinances, which was determined to be cost prohibitive at this time. With no objection. Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance 2015-1, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Rural Addressing System Ordinance", by title only. The second reading was scheduled for 2/18/15 at or after 10:00 a.m.

**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 2/2/15.

- (B) Reappoint George Dunkel, Dennis Kenna and Dee Wooley to the Elected Officials Compensation Committee for a (1) year term.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) Amendment #3 to ODOT Grant Agreement #29509 for Operating Funds 13-15.
- (D) Agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. for the Operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- (E) Amendment #12 to the 2013-2015 IGA #142058 with OHA and LPHA and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON COLUMBIA HEALTH DISTRICT:**

Sarah updated the Board on the Columbia Health District litigation. She just received word that the Court of Appeals affirmed the lower courts decision without opinion. Sarah does not yet have the opinion, but they did affirm the summary judgement that was issued by Judge Grove in 2013. Officially, the judgement was granted in the favor of the Board, as trustees of the CHD. As for the next step, Sarah will be going back through the files to see what needs to be done to implement the courts decision. That will include transferring the property to the City of St. Helens. She noted that there is still an opportunity for the plaintiffs to seek review, but the court would have to accept review.

Commissioner Heimuller commented that the dissolution of the CHD is prescribed by law and the process will be followed to the letter of the law. Commissioner Fisher also commented that this lawsuit has cost thousands of dollars in money and time to make sure that everything was done by the law.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to mention the passing of May Mowrey last week. May was very active in the community and lived her life serving others every day in her quiet, faithful manner. She was a member of the Grange, International Order for Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star among others. At 83 years old, she was still helping to take care of the elderly at their homes, taking them to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, community

events, etc. We should all look to aspire to be like her. She will be terribly missed by so many.

He gave a shout out to Michael Curry in Scappoose, who with a group of highly talented staff designed and built the lion that Katy Perry rode during the Super Bowl half time event. Curry Design has worked on many major events, i.e. Olympics, Circus Soel, Lion King production, etc. Michael Curry Design is a great local employer in our own community.

### **COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde also commented on the Michael Curry design and was very proud to see our community represented worldwide during the Super Bowl game. Go Hawks!

Things are heating up with regards to O&C and he hoping with the opening of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress that we're going to have some permanent funding resolution. He spoke with the Yamhill County Board during their work session on Monday to bring them up to speed on O&C because they are new members to the association.

He attended the CEPA meeting yesterday morning and heard comments from an expert on rail safety.

Tomorrow he will be in Salem attending an Oregon Emergency Management training on rail safety.

### **COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. They are looking at some design changes on Hwy 30 between St. Helens and Scappoose.

He also attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. Topics included a report on rail safety and information on the measles outbreak. He encouraged all parents to get their children immunized.

He was on a conference call this morning with NACO to talk about telecommunication issues and the discussions being held by the federal government on taxing the internet.

Last week the Board conducted their annual Jail inspection. He would encourage those who haven't done it before, to schedule some time for a tour of the facility.

Last night he attended the Columbia Community Mental Health meeting. That program is continuing to grow and will soon be siting a detox center here in Columbia County. Currently, the closest center is in Multnomah County which is time consuming and expensive.

He reported on the Early Learning Council meeting he attended. This program is in somewhat of a flux and, at this time, we don't know where the money is coming from or who will be managing it.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator

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