

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 27, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Ashley Chen, Acting Board Office Administrator.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 7/25/16.
- (B) Resolution No. 35-2016, "In the Matter of Referring to the Electors the Question of Imposing a Three Percent Tax on the Retail Sale of Marijuana Items within Unincorporated Columbia County".
- (C) Order No. 42-2016, "In the Matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Renewal of the Columbia County Jail Local Option Tax Levy for Four Years".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Eighth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services.
- (E) Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 1442 re ½ Day Holiday.
- (F) Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 1442 effective 7/1/16 to 6/30/20.
- (G) Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement for the Bicycle Rides Northwest Bicycle Ride Event 2016 from 8/1-8/3.

The motion carried unanimously.

NINTH AMENDMENT TO OHA 2015-17 IGA:

Discussion of the Amendment was moved to the Staff Meeting taking place this afternoon.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

From last Thursday until yesterday, Commissioners Hyde and Fisher were in Long Beach for the NACo (National Association of Counties) conference. It was very well attended. Commissioner Hyde explained the general process of the conference—the steering committees would meet in various standing committees with resolutions and policy packages to debate on before passing them to the Board, then the general membership, and finally, to the legislative branch in D.C.. Although the process is long, it is well structured and Commissioner Hyde was pleased with the overall efficiency of the conference.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to call out a well done to the Fair Board and all volunteers. The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo was a record breaking success and the Fair Plant Sale is still going on at Fairgrounds. It is sponsored by Means Nursery as a fundraiser for the Fair and all plants are selling at wholesale prices or less. Additionally, Commissioner Heimuller offers his congratulations to Claudia Oblack of Vernonia, the new My Fair Lady Pageant Queen.

On Monday, he attended the Five Area lunch in Scappoose. It was well received especially by the My Fair Lady Pageant attendees. Commissioner Heimuller would also

like to comment on the success of the RSVP luncheon which served over 350 seniors. The effective coordination between CC Rider, the Fair Board, the Board of Commissioners, RSVP, and Columbia PUD was what granted these people the opportunity to socialize despite whatever barriers they may be facing.

Lastly, Commissioner Heimuller would like to announce that the new prescription health cards are widely available for pick up, including at the County Courthouse. Anyone who needs a card can contact the Board.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

First off, Commissioner Fisher would like to address some items concerning labor relations on the Board and the contract passed. He is happy to say that the unions and people the County work with are very reasonable and the Board has been successful with maintaining good labor relations.

There have also been questions regarding land use laws circulating around these past few weeks. They have been known to be rather complex, but the Board honors them. Commissioner Fisher wishes for people to talk with the land use department if they are facing issues with these laws.

He would like to draw attention to the article in a local paper about homelessness. Commissioner Fisher reiterated his comments from last week about the importance of this growing issue. The Board, CAT (Community Action Team), and NOHA (NW Oregon Housing Authority) are working along with the State to develop policies to deal with this problem.

From last Thursday until yesterday, Commissioner Fisher attended the NACo conference with Commissioner Hyde. He not only found the policy process imperative, but also asserted the importance of learning new ideas from other people and counties. For example, Ventura County worked with Network of Care to develop a foster health link. They have been able to work with the HIPPA regulations that Public Health and local hospitals might have in their foster care system so that potential and new foster parents have access to the childrens' medical records. Although it is not a national requirement to share medical records, this privacy has presented problems in various cases. Commissioner Fisher will be taking this idea to the Mental Health Board, CCO, and Public Health to see if there's a way to implement something similar.

He also attended a program at NACo on healthy living that discussed the new prescription health cards. They are useful for people without health insurance or who have to obtain medicine that their insurance doesn't cover. The cards include dental and vision and are also available for pets. Commissioner Fisher concluded that NACo was a good experience.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th of July, 2016.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Ashley Chen
Acting Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner