

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

December 9, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller present, Commissioner Anthony Hyde (by phone) and Commissioner Earl Fisher, (by phone), together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Heimuller explained that both Commissioners' Hyde and Fisher were unable to get into the office today because of road closures in the Vernonia and Clatskanie areas, but are present by phone.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes were carried over.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: ASA FRANCHISE RENEWALS:

This hearing will be held over to Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at or after 10:00 a.m.

HEARING: LIVESTOCK ATTACK BY DOG OWNED BY LEROY GOODMAN:

Robin McIntyre informed the Board that Mr. Goodman and Roger Kadell are currently negotiating a settlement in this case and asked that this matter be tabled until those negotiations are complete. The Board agreed.

LUNCH MEETING WITH PGE REPRESENTATIVES:

Due to the weather conditions, the lunch meeting with PGE was canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With some minor corrections to Items (A) and (D), Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 12/7/15.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Public Services Contract with Cardinal Services, Inc. for staffing services.
- (C) Amendment 4 to Intergovernmental Agreement #9880 with the Oregon Department of Education for Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant Funds and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of St. Helens for use of the Courthouse Plaza for holiday events 11/30/15 through 1/9/16.
- (E) Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement #15-505 with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Amendment #3 to the Personal Services Contract with USI Northwest.
- (G) Amendment to Public Services Contract with Columbia Humane Society.

The motion carried unanimously.

12/9/15 STAFF MEETING:

Commissioner Heimuller suggested that the staff meeting scheduled for this afternoon be canceled because of weather conditions. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to cancel the 12/9/15 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY:

Sarah gave an update on the state of emergency. During an emergency meeting yesterday, a letter was approved and sent to the Office of Emergency Management seeking a Declaration of State of Emergency for Columbia County and the cities of Rainier, St. Helens and Vernonia. Today, the Board has received a request from the City of Clatskanie to be included, however they failed to complete the form by checking the appropriate box on the form. After little discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to send the letter to OEM on behalf of the City of Clatskanie, pending receipt of the updated form from the City of Clatskanie. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:

Commissioner Heimuller reported that the Emergency Management Department has requested that the Public Information Officer (PIO) position be reactivated. He asked if the Board would like to continue using Janet Wright at the PIO or do they have any other suggestions. Hearing none, there was a consensus of the Board to have Janet Wright continue as PIO. Commissioner Heimuller will contact Janet today and have her meet with EOC staff.

GOODMAN SETTLEMENT:

Robin McIntyre updated the Board on the dog attack settlement discussion between Mr. Goodman and Roger Kadell. Mr. Goodman has waived his right to a hearing and Robin will prepare a settlement agreement for action next week.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde gave a report on the flooding in Vernonia and how, after some good planning and learning from prior floods, things are not near as bad as they could have been.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher mentioned that he is blocked both ways from leaving his home but work is being done. He truly appreciates the communication between the many different agencies that are working together to get things cleaned up and the roads reopened.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented on the great work being done by all emergency responders who are working together to get things cleaned up after the recent weather event. He reminded everyone to be careful when out in this weather and please be patient with those who are working to get the roads open.

DEQ GRANT PROPOSALS:

After a brief explanation by Todd Dugdale, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the grant applications for updating the Solid Waste Management Plan and to design and implement a county wide Waste Reduction Education Communication Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th day of December, 2015.

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

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By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner