

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

October 14, 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 Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Board meeting and October 7, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Rory Hammond, 66350 Bishop Creek Road, Deer Island:*** Last week, the Board approved the Dibblee Point Lease Agreement with the State of Oregon. He wanted to thank County Counsel for her timely review of the document and thank the Board of Commissioners for their quick affirmation. His equestrian friends and he himself would especially like to thank Commissioner Hyde for his long standing support of county parks, particularly Dibblee Point, Camp Wilkerson and the CZ Trail - thank you!

**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 10/12/15.
- (B) Approve Letter to Steve Pegram.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) Intergovernmental Agreement #5112 with the Oregon Department of Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign.

(D) Approve 2013 foreclosure deed and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

He wanted to thank county staff for a very comprehensive report for the Weyerhaeuser hearing last week. He also thanked all of those who participated on both sides for being cordial and allowing the hearing to move forward in a civil manner.

He attended the AOC Health and Human Services committee meeting in Salem last Friday. There seems to be more participation at these meetings, most likely due to the increase in subject matter, i.e., marijuana, mental health, public health, etc.

Commissioner Heimuller mentioned that the County Assessor's office has prepared a very comprehensive informational sheet to help educate the public on where their tax dollars are being spent. This is available for review on the county website at [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us). Thanks again to the Assessor's office for this information.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Last week, Commissioner Hyde worked with the Regional Disaster Preparedness group, which is a coalition of Clark, Washington, Multnomah, Columbia and Clackamas counties who work together on regional disaster preparedness. The guest speaker was Diane Dillan from Napa County, California, who spoke about the earthquake they experienced last year and what they found was they were totally unprepared. Although we can never be totally prepared, we must remain vigilant and aware.

He was in Salem Monday for a Forest Lands committee meeting and an Economic Development meeting. They are also getting prepared for the short legislative session coming up the first of the year. It's going to be 35 action packed sessions and takes a lot of preparation.

Yesterday, he attended the Columbia County Economic Team executive meeting to discuss their goals.

He wanted to mention that the Courthouse Museum is holding an open house today from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm and encouraged people to attend.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher complimented the volunteer workers that have brought this museum back to life and looks forward to taking a tour of it today.

He also thanked those who put on the Halloween Towne event last weekend. There was a huge turnout, around 15,000 people.

He was in Salem on Monday for AOC meetings.

Last night, he attended the Jail Oversight Committee meeting. This group continues to meet to discuss how best to use the tax levy dollars.

This is the flu season and he would encourage people to get their flu shots.

**MEETING WITH PARKS COMMITTEE:**

The Board met for a lunch meeting with members of the County Parks Committee for a round table discussion on various issues dealing with parks. No action was needed.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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

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Jan Greenhalgh  
Board Office Administrator

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner