

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

September 30, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 September 23, 2015 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mike Russell, 65550 McDermott Road, Deer Island: He asked what a person can do to help get more production and dependability out of the road department. They need to follow up better on what they say they're going to do. He is just being told what he wants to hear and he doesn't appreciate that. He also understands that the fire department changes the oil for the county vehicles - isn't that something that can be done at the road department since they have the facility to do that?

Commissioner Fisher responded that, as for oil changes, that's a procedural thing and he should be able to answer that quickly. As for road department, if the money is in the budget to make repairs, those repairs will be done, weather permitting. If Mike isn't getting the answers he's seeking, please notify the Board. Commissioner Heimuller explained that there is a Road Advisory Committee and, there may not have an opening at this time, but he could submit an interest form for when there is an opening. Mike can also attend their meetings. As for oil changes, Commissioner Heimuller explained how that is decided by the individual departments. The Sheriff uses the fire department because they know how to deal with emergency vehicles, some use the local oil/lube business and some use the transit facility. That said, the county is looking into a fleet management program that will hopefully address a lot of these concerns. Commissioner Hyde appreciates that Mike is coming in to express some ideas instead of just complaining about it.

LONNY WELTER - RECIPIENT OF OEMA PARTNER AWARD:

This item was carried over to 10/7/15.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 9/28/15.
- (B) Ratify the 2015 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Appoint Dennis Viereck and Hunter Uselton to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee for a (3) year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Intergovernmental Agreement #5157 between the State of Oregon and Columbia County for Measure 57 funding and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Amendment #2 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 143592 with the Oregon Health Authority and the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller wanted to express his congratulations to Leahnette River, City Administrator for the City of Columbia City, for being awarded the Herman Kehrli Award for exceptional contributions to city government. This is a very prestigious award by the League of Oregon Cities.

He also offered congratulations to Community Action Team, who was recently awarded the Golden Key Award from the Oregon Opportunity Network. This award was given to CAT for their SHARP program. This program is for those of modest means who are interested in purchasing and rehabilitating a home, using sweat equity and working with CAT and USDA, to bring them back to health and safety standards. It's a very impressive program and congratulations again to CAT who works so hard on the project.

Last Friday he was in Lincoln City all day attending a meeting of the Oregon Northwest Workforce Investment Board. It was their inaugural meeting of the business side of it and they were reaffirmed by the State of Oregon. Although they got a late start with the formation of this Board, they are now the first one in the State that is up and running.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde will be in Salem this afternoon to testify on the status of our local emergency management, in particular along the coast. His testimony will be on general preparedness, having had some experience in 7 Presidentially declared disasters in the past 12 years. We know that it's more than just the impending earthquake we all know is coming.

Tomorrow he will be in Eugene for the O&C meeting. They continue to try and hammer out some type of plan for long term forest management. The current BLM plan does not work.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was off last week.

On Monday, he attended the 5 Area Senior luncheon, which is always a nice experience.

He found it refreshing to hear the comments made earlier from Mike Russell. This is a citizen that came forward with a concern and, instead of being upset and demanding results, he showed a willingness to be involved. This is a great thing to see.

He is concerned about homelessness in the county, especially the homeless children. He would like to see what can be done to help these kids.

RSVP VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AWARD:

Monica Cade, RSVP, a program that works throughout the county providing volunteer help where needed. Today she is here to present the Volunteer of the Month Award to Jean Carulli. Jean volunteers at the reception desk at the Courthouse and greets visitors and helps direct them to where they need to go, all with a smile. Jean is always there and available when asked. She also volunteer on other special projects such as the My Fair Lady pageant, "Valentines for Vets", etc. RSVP is very grateful to Jean for all of her help. With that, Jean was presented with flowers and gifts. The Board expressed their thanks to the RSVP program and all that they do.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th day of September, 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