

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 20, 2016

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Board meeting and January 13, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Item (B) was pulled for discussion, With no other changes, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 1/18/16.
- (B) FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program application. ***(Pulled for discussion)***.
- (C) Corrected Order 47-2015, "In the Matter of Reimbursing Public Agencies in Columbia County for the Cost Impacts of the Hood-to-Coast Relay and Remaining Deposit".
- (D) Order 63-2015, "In the Matter of Calling an Election on the Question of Formation of a New Columbia County Rider Transportation District.
- (E) Reappoint George Dunkel, Dennis Kenna and Dee Wooley to the Elected Official Compensation Committee for a 1 year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Business Associate Agreement with the Act 1 Group, Inc. dba ATIMS for HIPAA Compliance.
- (G) Agreement for Community Service Fee and Negotiated Payment Distribution with the Clatskanie School District 6J and the Clatskanie Foundation.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (B) - FY 2016 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION:

Vincent Aarts was present for a brief explanation on the Homeland Security Grant application. This is an annual grant for FY 2017 and, if approved, will be funded by October 2016. Commissioner Hyde clarified that this is separate from the Emergency Management program, which is the backbone of the county operation. This is more for the county advocating for all agencies that wish to get into the Homeland Security program. Vincent explained that this grant proposal is made up of different agencies that want to participate, however grant criteria is very specific. The grant has transformed over the years, going from terrorism prevention to more catastrophic incident preparedness. Commissioner Heimuller asked if this application process would be the tool to obtain funding for backup power at the Fairgrounds if needed during an emergency situation. Vincent stated that each year the State produces 6 investment justifications and are each narrowly defined. He has not seen anything the last 3 years that would fit that. However, it may be covered next year. Commissioner Heimuller just wants to make sure that this be kept at the top of the list of needs.

After review, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program application. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Columbia Pacific Economic Alliance meeting last week. Most important were discussions on their annual economic development strategies, which is required to keep the EDA status.

On Monday, he had a 3 hour phone meeting with the forest subcommittee on the final review to send back to the staff in DC on the forest management bill for federal forest management. The reason for its importance is that, at the end of the day, if some part of that bill is passed by both the house and the senate, we will finally have a way to manage our federal forests. It might even relieve some of the issues currently going on in Harney County. That is an indicator that there is a lot of frustration pent up over the management of federal lands throughout the country.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the Oregon Fair's Association conference in Salem last week. This association represents all fairs in Oregon, including the State Fair. There was a great turnout and a lot of educational opportunities. The day before going down there, he received a call that the Area 1 Director had resigned, which left Commissioner Heimuller as the acting Director. While there, he conducted the elections and the positions of Director and Assistant Director were elected. One being our own Fair Board member Butch Guess.

He participated in a conference call with the Workforce Consortium yesterday to approve their budget. He believes this is going to be a very workable process.

On Monday, attended the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) meeting in Astoria.

Last week he chaired the NWACT meeting in Scappoose to talk about transportation issues. It looks like the State will not have a transportation funding plan this year.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was in southern California last week visiting his aunt. He asked her about the NACo Prescription Drug program and, as it turns out, Orange County, California does not participate in this very beneficial program.

He was on a conference call yesterday for the Early Learning Hub. They continue to work on finding ways to make kids successful in the long term by improving pre-school learning. There is a small pot of money for this program and one way to use it is for "hot spot" areas. St. Helens and Lewis & Clark Schools have been identified as a "hot spot".

He attended the NW School Board meeting last night. This is National School Board month and he wanted to express his appreciation to all school board members that take the time to serve, listen to serious issues and make some very important decisions.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th of January, 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: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner