

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 30, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner 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 March 16, 2016 Board meeting and March 16, 2016 Staff Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**PROCLAIM APRIL 2016 AS "SAFE & SECURITY COUNTIES":**

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation into the record. Afterwards Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to proclaim April 2016 as "Safe and Secure Counties Month". The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for weeks of 3/21/16 & 3/28/16.
- (B) Ratify letter to City of Vernonia regarding Notices of Civil Violations on county owned properties.
- (C) Ratify letter from RDPO regarding cuts to Homeland Security Grant Programs.
- (D) Ratify the Determination of Exemption form for the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program, Project H15014.

- (E) Appoint Dr. Margaret Trenchard-Smith to the Columbia County Cultural Coalition Committee for a three (3) year term.
- (F) ODOT 5339 Grant Application for the purchase of vehicles.
- (G) 2016 Liquor License Renewal for Mark's on the Channel.
- (H) Final Order No. 8-2016, "In the Matter of the Application by the David Wilson Jr. Trust for a Minor Partition and Variance to Lot Size Standards to Divide a 14.29 Acre Parcel into Three Parcels of 4.76 Acres in the RR-5 Zone (MP 16-01 and V 16-02)".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (I) Hold Harmless Agreement with the South Columbia County Chamber for the March 31, 2016 Art Walk.
- (J) Intergovernmental Agreement No. 165-170009-16 with the Oregon Secretary of State for a Joint Voters' Pamphlet and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT:**

Steve Atchison and Janice Faltersack came before the Board to discuss the one time VOCA grant application and request approval. This was briefly discussed last week and Janice was asked to bring back the completed grant this week for final review. Janice explained that the Victims Services provides support for victims of crime as they go through the criminal justice process. That could be anywhere from minor property crimes to survivors of homicide. The facility dog project is a cooperative project with the Amani Center. The dog is provided at 2 years old from a non-profit in California. There will be two handlers that are trained to handle the dog, one from the Amani Center and the other will be Janice herself, who will be the primary handler and owner of the dog and responsible for its food and vet care. The dog would be here at the Courthouse to support children, or others, who have witnessed violent crimes or abuse. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that CASA may be a good fit for this program as well. Janice also noted that, as long as the dog is providing service, the non-profit will maintain liability insurance on the dog. After some discussion, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the one time Victims of Crime Act grant

application DAVAP-00063 and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde reported on the AMRC project, which has now morphed into the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC), and the PCC campus in Scappoose. The team that's working on this project is tasked with coming back to the legislature in late April with a plan, which includes a commitment from PCC for a full blown campus. This would be the only facility of this type in the US and that's very exciting news for Columbia County.

He attended a meeting last week with the Chinese Consultant on economic development opportunities around the State of Oregon. He made it very clear that Columbia County is open for business.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller expressed his appreciation to all the partners working on the AMRC/PCC project. It's a very exciting time and he's looking forward to see how it plays out.

He wanted to give a shout out to all volunteers that pulled off another very success Megga Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday at the County Fairgrounds. He was unable to attend, but there was huge turnout. Thanks to all who helped on this.

The Board attended the 5 area luncheon with the seniors at the St. Helens Senior Center on Monday. It's always a pleasure to have discussions with the seniors on a lot of different topics. He appreciates having that time to talk with them because they always seem to have a good perspective on what's going on around the county, good or bad.

Later on Monday he attended the CAT Board meeting. There are a lot of things going on with CAT in general, but he wanted to give a shout out to Jim Tierney, Dan Brown and staff on their recent purchase of the Victorian senior property in Scappoose. These are units that were coming off federal subsidy and made available for purchase. CAT just closed on the purchase this week and all units will be totally upgraded to code. All residents will be put up off site during the remodel at no cost to them. This project will allow them to keep affordable housing for our seniors.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher congratulated Commissioner Hyde and the economic development group with regards to the AMRC project and the Rightline expansion, which is now the largest employer in Columbia County.

He attended the Easter Egg Hunt in Clatskanie on Saturday put on by the Clatskanie Kiwanis. These are the types of events that make a community a community and thanks to all those who helped make it a success.

He attended the 5 Area luncheon at the St. Helens Senior Center.

As we move into the spring season, it brings more people out and he just wanted to encourage everyone to pay attention when out there driving around.

**BLM REPRESENTATIVES: KIM TITUS & KAREN SCHANK:**

***Karen Schank, Field Manager for the Tillamook BLM Field Office:*** Karen submitted a handout to the Board detailing forest management sales for the Tillamook Field Office and Columbia County. Also included is a map of the location of sales in Columbia County since 2013. She updated the Board on the field office projects and planning for timber management in Columbia County. Their most recent project is the East Fork Nehalem Timber Management project. They completed an environmental assessment for this project in late 2015 and analyzed 719 acres of 30-80 year old stands and 299 acres of regeneration harvests were also included, along with 114 acres of commercial thinning and riparian treatments. They are offering the first sale out of that area and issuing a decision in May. They are expecting approximately 17.5 million board feet. Karen then gave an update on the regional advisory councils, one of which Glen Crinklaw sits on. The council just met to discuss the Secure Rural Schools Act, Title II funding project proposals and made decisions on what projects would be funded. That information is included in the packet of information she handed to the Board.

***Kim Titus, District Manager for the Salem District BLM:*** Commissioner Hyde first asked about the Scaponia Park lease and where that stands. Kim explained that a draft lease has been completed and, as she understands it, it is now in the County Counsel's office who has some concerns with the indemnity clause. As soon as Counsel signs off and it's sign by the Board, the lease will be complete. Robin will check into the status of that lease.

Moving on, Kim reported that the Salem and Eugene Districts are being consolidated into one now named the Northwest Oregon District and will be in place October 1, 2016. The goal is to combine upper levels of leadership and still provide the same number of boots on the ground. So there will be one district manager, one associate district manager and 5 field offices located within the Northwest Oregon District. She referred to the map in the packet that outlines the new district which includes 15 counties. They have the largest timber program in the nation and based on the draft RMP (Regional Management Plan), the combined district will have over half of the saleable quantity in western Oregon.

Commissioner Hyde commented on the draft RMP which he believes comes out tomorrow. The O&C is not pleased to the preferred options of the RMP and certainly intends to litigate. However, that's just the process and hopefully it will not hinder their interactions in terms of the ultimate management of our timber lands. Kim agrees with the hope that communications will stay strong to work in partnership with the counties.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 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](http://www.co.columbia.or.us)

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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