

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 3, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 27, 2016 Board meeting and January 27, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Heimuller pulled Item (c) for some additional clarification. 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 the week of 2/1/16.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Approve Letter of Agreement with the Federation of Parole/Probation Officers, effective 2/1/16.
- (C) Personal Services Contract with Property Development Services, LLC.
(Pulled and carried over to Staff Meeting)

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) meeting last Friday to talk about policies, procedures and plans for next year. There was also a briefing on the recent weather event.

Also on Friday he attended Senator Wydens' town hall meeting at the St. Helens High School. This was mostly a student body meeting and he has to say that those students were very well mannered, they had prepared themselves with some great questions and he was extremely impressed with how they handled themselves. Afterwards, he went on a tour of the schools metal and wood shops. It was a very impressive afternoon.

On Monday, the Commissioners were in Salem for the AOC legislative meetings. Bills are moving quickly, as this is a short session, only 5 weeks long.

He attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. He is proud to say that Columbia County is held as the standard for emergency management.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller also reported on the legislative meetings in Salem. There are some big issue bills before the legislators in the next 5 weeks. During committee work, they found bills out there that are good in concept, but there is no depth to the bill because there was not enough time to construct it. He is very disappointed with how this legislative process has gone.

Last Friday, he attended the Oregon Department of Transportation, where he sits as the Chair on the NW Area Commission on Transportation. Because of that, he gets to participate on the Super Act committee. This is a committee that oversees conceptual non-highway projects through the Special Transportation Investment Program. Counties were competing for a slice of the approximate \$13 million in funding. The top 3 projects that our NWACT had proposed and were successful in getting approved were 1) a major safety upgrade to Hwy 30 and 202 in Astoria, between the high school and the downtown corridor, for sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.; 2) a similar project in Garibaldi; and 3) a new stop light at Veterans Way and Hwy 30 in Rainier.

He wanted to mention that Sunday is Super Bowl 50! That's worth mentioning because we have two Scappoose boys, Derek Anderson and David Mayo, both playing for the Carolina Panthers and will be playing in the Super Bowl. That is something to be proud of.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher is very irritated at the legislators. They have 5 weeks to do some legislative work and it was supposed to do technical issues. Instead, they're dealing with big issues, such as the minimum wage increase, housing, the private sale of liquor, tax reform and recording grand juries. These are all some extremely major issues and they intend to do that in 5 weeks? Further, there is only going to be 1 hour notice on when an issue will be addressed - meaning basically no one can get there in time to testify. This is totally idiotic in his opinion. He would encourage anyone that is listening today and agrees this is a travesty, to call the offices of Peter Courtney and Tina Kotek and tell them to stop betraying the people.

He also attended Wyden's town hall on Friday in St. Helens. He agrees with Commissioner Hyde that those students had great questions and were very well mannered during the entire meeting.

Next week, the county school superintendents will be here at the 10:00 am Board meeting to give a report on education in our county.

He also attended the Traffic Safety meeting this morning. He just has to say that the volunteers in the county are awesome and there are a lot of things that wouldn't get done if it were not for them. He appreciates them all.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd of February, 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