

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 25, 2016

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 Board meeting and May 18, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kari Hollander, District Manager for the Soil & Water Conservation District, Millard Road, St. Helens. She explained that the SWCD is the sole sponsor for the emergency watershed protection program, which is a USDA program. The emergency work going on at this time is a result of the storms/flooding that occurred this past winter. They have appropriated \$1.9 million from the USDA and have most of the match to make that happen. SWCD is wanting to use the State of Oregon IFA program to offset their shortfall for the 25% match. The IFA program is generally open to cities, counties and special districts. However, when this piece of legislation was drafted, the SWCD's were erroneously omitted and therefore not eligible. In her discussions with IFA, they suggested Kari ask the county if they would be willing to be the fiscal agent or applicant for this funding program. SWCD will do all of the paperwork for the grant and use their pool of funds to pay for administrative expenses. Sarah has looked at this but still has some questions. Commissioner Heimuller also has some questions and is not ready to make a decision at this time. It will need to go back to staff to review to see if they even have the time to administer this grant.

Jennifer is impressed with the level of documentation Kari was able to provide up front. She is inclined to believe the county can do this, however because it just came in yesterday, some time is needed to look at the details. Kari explained the time frame and the only thing needed at this point is the Intake Form approved. After that, IFA will send out notice to agencies to then submit their applications. The county would still have the option to opt out at that point. Sarah reviewed the intake form but she has found some inaccuracies. Kari can make any necessary corrections and get it back to the Board for action next week. There was Board consensus to take formal action on this next week.

Alta Lynch, PO Box 369, Scappoose: She is here to remind everyone to attend the Memorial Day services and events going on throughout the county this weekend. She also mentioned the Flag Day event that will be held at the Elks Lodge.

HEARING: COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FY 2016:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations, Contingency Transfers, Inter-Fund Transfers and Intra-Fund Transfers and Renaming Fund for Fiscal Year 2015-2016".

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director, was present to give the Board a brief update on the need for this supplemental budget, as outlined in Resolution No. 18-2016 before the Board. If over 10% of the original budget, a public hearing is required. This has happened in 5 budget areas, as outlined. Jennifer gave some examples of how these funds can go either up or down, such as natural disaster revenues, unexpected grant revenues, an employee leaves which has a large payout, etc.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Hearing none, the hearing was closed for deliberation. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-2016,"In the Matter of Authorizing Supplemental Budget Appropriations, Contingency Transfers, Inter-Fund Transfers and Intra-Fund Transfers and Renaming Fund for Fiscal Year 2015-2016". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 5/23/16.
- (B) Purchase Order for Category C Bus from Creative Bus Sales for CC Rider and authorize Janet Wright to sign.
- (C) Purchase Order for Category D Bus from Creative Bus Sales for CC Rider and authorize Janet Wright to sign.
- (D) Order No. 17-2016, "In the Matter of Amending the County Fee Schedule for Inmate Housing Fees" (Correcting Order No. 7-2016).

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement for the 2016 Seattle to Portland Bike Ride Event.
- (F) Amendment #1 to Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Helion Software, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLARIFICATION ON CC RIDER BUS PURCHASES ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Alta Lynch was approached by some to ask the Board about the bus purchases that were approved on the consent agenda. They would like to know why the cost difference between Bus C and Bus D, the warranty issues, etc. She asked if the Board could explain some of those concerns. Commissioner Heimuller explained that these buses are purchased with grant dollars through the State purchasing process, which is a very prescribed process. The State and Federal guidelines determines the amount of miles for a buses useful life. For CC Rider, about 80% of the buses are past retirement life. For anyone who is interested in reviewing the specifications on these buses and the bid process, they can stop by the CC Rider Transit Center to talk with staff.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

He has been attending a lot of various meetings lately on mental health issues, at both the State and local levels. Our mental health services in the county are inadequate to deal with what the need is. We simply need more mental health services.

We are going into the graduation season and he would encourage everyone to pay attention while on the road. Prom and graduation dates are a statistically deadly time for students, so please watch out and be careful.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on the Community Action Team meeting he attended this week.

Commissioners' Hyde, Fisher and himself attended a meeting at Dyno Nobel last Wednesday, along with many others to talk about creating a better working relationship

between Dyno and all of the agencies that need to be notified should there be an incident out there.

He will be leaving here today to attend the ConnectOregon VI meeting in Salem.

Barbara Larson, volunteer with our Museum Board, submitted her resignation yesterday. She has been a volunteer for this Board for years but feels she is now ready to step down from a lot of her duties. The County appreciates her service and she will certainly be missed on that Board.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th of May, 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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner