

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

MINUTES

August 12, 2015

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jewel Japs. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 Board meeting and August 5, 2015 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None

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 8/10/15.
- (B) Representation Letter to Pauly, Rogers and Co. for CC Rider - Business Energy Tax Credit Program.
- (C) Purchase and Sale Agreement with Larry Boxman and Gayle Rich-Boxman for property located adjacent to 71840 Fishhawk Road, Birkenfeld, Oregon [Tax Map ID No. 6N5W05-00-0501] and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Order No. 39-2015, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Birkenfeld, Oregon, to Larry Boxman and Gayle Rich-Boxman [Tax Map Id No. 6N5W05-00-00501]".
- (E) Quitclaim Deed to Larry Boxman and Gayle Rich-Boxman for property located adjacent to 71840 Fishhawk Road, Birkenfeld, Oregon [Tax Map Id No. 6N5W05-00-00501] and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (F) Order No. 41-2015, "In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services Contract for Construction Management Services from the Screening and Selection Procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule".
- (G) Ratify Notice of Order to Vacate, Demand for Possession and Abandoned Property known as 32937 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens, Oregon, formerly known as Brandenefels' Holly Farm - Map ID #5N-2W-36-030-00300 and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Contract with Parametrix for Hermo Road Construction Quality Assurance.
- (I) Agreement #30465 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for Administration, Operating and Maintenance.
- (J) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Energy for the County Review of an Energy Facility Siting Council Project and authorize Chair to sign.
- (K) Public Road Event Permit and Indemnity Agreement with Foote Sports Productions Inc., for the Hood to Coast Relay, Portland to Coast Walk Relay and Portland to Coast High School Challenge Relay.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT - BRIDGE TO BREAKERS:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner presented information about a repeat bicycle road event scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 19, 2015, starting at the St. Johns bridge in Portland. The roughly 200 bike riders will be entering Columbia County on Highway 30 at about 7:30 a.m., then continue on to Scappoose-Vernonia Highway and Highways 47 and 202, exiting that point at about noon. Lonny has heard no negative public comments about past rides and none of the local law enforcement agencies he contacted have any issues with this road event. The Ride Director, Sean Guard, has said ODOT gave them a full permit from start to finish for this year's event although Lonny could not confirm.

Ride Director Sean Guard of Washougal, Washington, informed the Commissioners that this was a recreational ride and not a race. He spoke about the additional warning signage they intend to provide on Scappoose-Vernonia Highway and the Harrington Family Foundation's purpose in sponsoring this event, which is to provide bicycle

helmets for children. Commissioner Heimuller asked how many helmets would be provided for children in Columbia and Clatsop counties; Mr. Guard was unable to provide a response. The discussion centered on the danger of riding bicycles on the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway and the question of why the riders could not use the C-Z Trail instead since it parallels the intended route. Apparently the majority of riders have expensive bikes that only have tires fit for hard road surfaces plus they don't want to be slowed down as they are trying to beat their own personal times for this ride. The Commissioners believed it was made clear previously that 2014 was to be the final year for this event using that route. Mr. Guard said he could find no record of having been notified that they would not be allowed to have the event again this year, nor could Lonny find communications that confirmed any notice of cancellation for future events.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the Public Road Event Permit for 2015, but made it clear that this will be the final year Bridges to Breakers can be held using the current route that includes the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT #10 TO CAT AGREEMENT FOR VA SERVICES & APPLICATION:

Sarah Hanson addressed Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs application for fiscal year 2015-16 funding for Community Action Team to provide VA services. As a result of this funding, Sarah has also prepared an amendment to the contract with CAT for these services. Both documents need Board approval. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the ODVA funding application for Fiscal Year 2015-16 **and** Amendment #10 to the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team for VA Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher mentioned that Russ Clark & Dan Brown of CAT met with him recently to clarify how the Veterans program operates. He now has a much better understanding and appreciation of what the program does for the veterans in this county.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

The last several days were spent in Bend at the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) summer conference. The primary focus of the conference had to do with better communications overall and how to adequately & appropriately use social media. Most governments lag behind in electronic based communications. It is especially hard to keep up with all the options available. Texting is still a major communication tool. Timely, inspiring information provided made the conference very valuable.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

On Friday, the Board toured the Rightline Equipment facility in Rainier. This is a multi-million dollar business in Columbia County that employees 170 people.

The Road crews are paving in the Clatskanie area and he appreciates the excellent work they are doing.

Just a reminder to be cognizant of our neighbors. Even when we have the right to do something, rather than being disruptive, show some respect and consideration for those that live nearby. Think about the Golden Rule to do unto others as you'd have them do unto you.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12th day of August, 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: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____
Jewel Japs

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner