

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 13, 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 April 6, 2016 Board meeting April 6, 2016 Staff Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Don Campbell, 75735 Price Road, Rainier: Don is here today on a couple of concerns/issues. He first referred to a statement that Commissioner Fisher handed him some time ago. It states *“Our position is that the access to the property behind your property is a public roadway, has been used as such for several decades)the question of rather it is a “public road or a “county” road is somewhat murky as the moment) and must remain so and no one has a right to control access to it”*. For the record, Don stated that it’s not “murky” at all. It’s been deemed by the people who own the property behind him that it is a private area. Don owns the first 260 feet and has the same right control his property as Deer Island Meadows LLC has a right to control their property. He is confused as to why the Sheriff’s Office refused to issue any trespass issues across his property when it’s obvious by the letter that they don’t have any problems doing that to him.

Commissioner Heimuller asked the Sheriff, who was present, to confirm that the deputies signature and badge number on the paperwork only means that he served the document, nothing more. The Sheriff agreed.

Don responded that, regardless of the signature on that document, there was much more action on that than what he received regarding his property. There seems to be some issues with equal enforcement of the laws.

His last question was on the timeline for the Board to respond to his earlier complaints. Commissioner Hyde stated that this is being addressed and Don should be getting a response soon.

HEARING: AMEND FEE SCHEDULE FOR INMATE HOUSING FEES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Fee Schedule for Inmate Housing Fees".

Sarah Hanson reviewed the process for this hearing. The draft order before the Board has been changed as follows: the amount in recital 4 has been changed to read \$58.10 and the amount in recital 5 has been changed to read \$25.00. On Exhibit "1", the xray fees read \$100, which is the high end of the average.

Sheriff Dickerson and Jail Commander Tony Weaver were present to give a staff report. Sheriff Dickerson explained that it has been some time since these fees have been looked at. They looked at what their costs are and what other agencies are using and feels it is justified to revamp this fee schedule.

Tony Weaver stated that the Jail has been charging \$10 per day for housing for years, which is way below the \$60 that is allowed. However, when looking at the compliance rate for voluntary payment, \$25 is at the point that they won't lose those who voluntarily pay the fee. It's only about 2% of the inmates, but that could still relate to about \$50,000 in revenue annually.

Commissioner Heimuller asked about escalating fees so they are automatically increased every year by a small amount. Weaver agrees with that, however at some point the fee will increase enough that it will outpace what the inmates can afford and we lose those who do pay. Commissioner Fisher suggested that, instead of simply increasing the fee automatically each year, any increase could be based on the cost of living. Sarah suggested that she could add language in the Order to encourage annual review of the fees. If an annual increase were considered, it should state that the fee cannot exceed \$60 because of the statutes.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to tentatively approve Order No. 7-2016, "In the Matter of Amending the County Fee Schedule for Inmate Housing Fees" with language included that this is subject to annual review of the fees. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 4/11/16.
- (B) Order No. 6-2016, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Scappoose, Oregon, to the City of Scappoose Tax Map ID No. 3N2W12-AD-02400".
- (C) Order No. 11-2016, "Establishing a Fair Labor Standards Act Section 7(k) Election for Non-Represented Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Personnel".
- (D) Quitclaim Deed to the City of Scappoose for Tax Map ID No. 3N2W12-AD-02400 and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland for Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program Funds and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Subaward Agreement with Amani Center for Child Abuse Assessment and Family Support Services Through the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program.
- (G) Subaward Agreement with SAFE of Columbia County for Outreach and Advocacy for Survivors of Abuse Through the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program.
- (H) Amendment to Personal Services Contract with GeoDesign, Inc. for Environmental Reporting and Analysis for the St. Helens Transit Center.
- (I) Public Services Contract with Huser Technologies for Security Cameras for the Courthouse and Road Department Shop.
- (J) Ratify the Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement with Greater Portland Inc. and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended their monthly Chapman Landing Committee meeting last Friday. It's going to take some time to complete, but when done it's going to be a great addition to the existing CZ trail.

On Monday, he was in Salem to attend various AOC meetings. Some discussion on transportation funding and how we can get there after two failed tries. Because all local governments are hurting for transportation dollars, there needs to be some resolution on

the some type of transportation package in this next issue in the current legislative session.

Also on Monday, he met with Congresswoman Bonamici and then attended her town hall.

Yesterday, the BLM released their Resource Management Plan. This is a plan that's more than 13 years in the making. Columbia County, along with other O&C counties, have been at the table to help develop this plan, but found themselves being largely ignored. So O&C has responded that this plan is basically worse than doing nothing and we intend to litigate.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Last Friday he was in Salem to attend the AOC Local Government Advisory Committee meeting and the Health and Human Services Committee meeting. They were introduced to the new doctor that's in charge of the Oregon Health Authority and he gave a report on his vision for the future. There was a lot of discussion on those with mental health issues being inappropriately placed in our Jails because there is no other place to put them. This effects all of our budgets but most importantly, it doesn't get people the help they deserve. These committees are focused on trying to get those with mental health issues, the treatment they need in an appropriate amount of time.

On Thursday, he was in Warrenton for the NOHA meeting. Discussions were held on the housing crisis we are all facing and looking at ways to help mitigate that problem.

On Monday, he was back in Salem for a Transportation meeting.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher wanted to give kudos to the Rainier School District who was awarded the "Oregon School Wellness Award" yesterday. They were 1 of 3 in the State to receive this award. They now include fresh vegetables in their lunch line from their on-site garden and have improved their PE program for life long skills.

Although he was not in Salem on Monday for the AOC Court Facilities Committee, he's been informed that Columbia County was able to pick up some award money for projects here at the Courthouse. Things like restoration to the old courthouse, a new backup generator and some safety issues that need to be addressed.

Most of last week he was in Boston for a conference as a member of the Regional School Board. Several of the sessions he attended were on the issue of poverty. What they have determined is that people simply need jobs. By bringing in job opportunities into our communities, it solves a lot of the homeless issues.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 am and reconvened at 11:00 am to meet with an applicant for the Transit Administrator position.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

INTERVIEW APPLICANT FOR TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:

The Board met with Donald Leader to interview for the Transit Administrator position. No action was taken.

The Board again recessed the meeting to attend a lunch meeting with the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee in the Annex Room.

LUNCH MEETING WITH THE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE:

The Board attended a lunch meeting with members of the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee in the Annex Room for general discussion and update on county parks. No decisions were made.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th of April, 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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