

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 29, 2016

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the June 22, 2016 Board meeting were held over.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

MARK KREUTZER - SB1513

Mark Kreutzer, representing Columbia River Fire & Rescue and the Oregon Fire District Association, came before the Board to address SB1513. He gave some background on this bill that has been in the works for 2 years. Because there were questions that went unanswered, the bill died in committee. The version before the Board has been resubmitted and is co-sponsored by Senator Betsy Johnson. The bill basically states that the County Commissioners are authorized to prepare an Ordinance that would allow them to abate up to \$250,000 of the assessed value of a primary residence of a surviving spouse of a public safety official who dies in the line of duty. If the spouse remarries, the abatement goes away, if they sell the house it goes away and this is not retroactive. Commissioner Heimuller asked if the spouse sells their house and buys another home down the street, they can reapply for this abatement. Mark understands that to be correct. Linn County is in the process of preparing an Ordinance, so the Board may want to see theirs as an example. Mark has presented this to CRF&R, Scappoose, City of Rainier and Mist Birkenfeld RFPD and he believes they have all passed a Resolution in support of this. The Board stated that they would like to have a copy of those Resolutions.

Commissioner Heimuller had some questions. He generally supports this in concept, however he believes that it doesn't go far enough, if this bill is truly for public safety officials. What has been clearly lost in this is private paramedics and EMT's that work along side of police officers on a lot of calls. Along with this should include highway

workers, County Road works and the like, who are also putting their lives on the line and are the most killed in the line of duty. His final concern with the way this was presented, if the State wanted to do something of this nature, they should have stepped up and just done it, instead of having it done piece meal throughout the State. He met with County Counsel on the idea of adding other work groups, but they have not yet looked into that. They are currently awaiting information from other counties on this.

After discussion, it was determined that there are a number of questions that still need to be addressed. County Counsel will need to look at this House Bill and see how and if other public servants can be added. No decisions were made at this time.

HEARING: REVISED BUILDING, ELECTRICAL PLANNING FEES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Adoption of Revised Building, Electrical, Planning and On-Site Fees, Effective July 1, 2016.

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to give the staff report. Land Development Services is proposing revisions to Building fees including Structural, Mechanical, Plumbing, Manufactured Housing and other Miscellaneous fees; Planning fees and On-Site Sewage fees. Fees in all fee categories are proposed to be increased by 3.5% based on the change in the Consumer Price Index(CPI) since the effective date of the last fee changes was on August 1, 2014. No fee changes were made in FY 2015. In addition to the CPI fee changes, staff is proposing the following fee additions and/or changes beyond the CPI adjustment:

Land Use

- Rural Addressing Assignment from \$42 to \$75-This action requires review for compliance with the County addressing system and notice to affected agencies. Involves time for Planner and Planning Secretary and mailing costs.
- Land Use Compliance Statement- Currently \$36. Proposed that this review be combined with the Planning Compliance Review/Permit Release fee item and be increased to \$63, the same as the Planning Compliance Review Fee. Requires a file and record review and a review for compliance with applicable ordinances. Involves either a sign-off of a Land Use Compatibility Statement(LUCS) or a letter of compliance.
- Marijuana Operation Permit- New fee of \$1229 for either administrative review or conditional use permit review for marijuana uses under recent Zoning Code revisions. This fee is same as conditional use permit, other administrative zoning reviews and home occupation reviews.

On-Site

- Change fee name Site Evaluation Reinstatement to Site Evaluation Amendment to cover various changes to lot evaluations. No change in fee.

- Add Pump or Dosing Siphon Inspection Fee of \$28 to system repair permits resulting in an increase in the Minor Repair Permit from \$356 to \$384 and an increase in the Major Repair Permit from \$623 to \$651. This fee has been charged separately, but is proposed to be added to the base fee for repair permits.
- Special Investigation Fee- Increase fee from \$62 to \$75 to cover fully loaded rate for the Sanitarian and related travel and administrative costs.

All LDS Fees- Automatic Annual CPI Fee Increase:

- Staff is further requesting Board consideration of inclusion of an automatic annual CPI fee increase provision in the Board Order implementing this year's fee changes for fiscal years FY 18 through FY 21. This provision is proposed to address the increases in costs for providing fee supported services on an annual basis for the next five years without the time and expense of public hearings. Public hearings would still be held for any fee increases outside of the annual CPI adjustments. Notice would still be provided for of the amount and effective date of the annual CPI increase to the State of Oregon and to local contractors.

The proposed fee changes for FY 17 are proposed to be effective on July 1, 2016.

The Board wants to make sure that the fees are still reviewed annually to determine if the fees are on track. Todd agreed that would be done.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations. With the condition that the fees are still reviewed annually, the Board is in agreement with the proposed changes. Robin pointed out a typographical error and will present the corrected version of the Order for signature. With that, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Order No. 39-2016, "In the Matter of Amending Fee Schedules for Building, Electrical, and Other Miscellaneous Permits under the Building Inspection Program, On-Site Wastewater Program Fees, and Planning Program Fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Darcy, Western Heating and Cooling, asked about the billing process and, when she pays her bill, she is charged extra for using a credit card. Will that stay the same? Todd stated that the credit companies charge a fee and that is passed on to the customer. Darcy suggested that the County consider another credit company source as the 3% currently charged can get very costly. The Board stated they would look into that.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 6/27/16.
- (B) Approval Personnel Actions, effective 7/1/16.
- (C) Approve Personnel Actions for cost of living increases and step increases.
- (D) Resolution No. 20-2016, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes".
- (E) Resolution No. 21-2016, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)".
- (F) Resolution No. 22-2016, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)".
- (G) Order No. 33-2016, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds under ORS 275.275 [2016 Distribution: Gas and Lands]".
- (H) Order No. 37-2016, "In the Matter of Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchise Areas Covering Unincorporated Columbia County".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Addendum to Agreements with MailFinance and Neopost for postage meter lease and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Public Goods and Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Karpel Computer Systems, Inc., dba Karpel Solutions For Case Management Software and Software Support and Maintenance Service.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the County budget adopted today. This budget is reflective of where the county is economically. Things are improving and, after 8 years,

there are no more furlough days and we are able to add back some staff positions. Further, the Courthouse will again be open 5 days per week.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller commented that the County Fair is coming up in 3 weeks - July 20-24 and the Parmelee Concert will be held on July 16th.

Janet Wright, CC Rider Transit Director, is retiring tomorrow June 30th and there will be a farewell get together at the Courthouse to wish her the best.

Dale Anderson, Deputy District Attorney, is also retiring tomorrow after 30 years here at Columbia County.

Last week, the Board hired a new Transit Administrator for CC Rider. John will be moving her from Texas and is coming on board 7/18/16.

MTR Western will be starting 7/1 as the new contractor for the CC Rider Transit Center.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Not present.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th of June, 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: _____
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator

By: Not Present
Earl Fisher, Commissioner