

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 19, 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 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 October 12, 2016 Board meeting and October 12, 2016 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS PRESENTED:

Sheriff Dickerson reported that safety and security is priority in the County Jail. Three deputies are being recognized today for their part in saving the lives of 2 jail inmates. Brooke McDowall, Tim Trask and Jon Kinsel. Lieutenant McDowall saved an inmate who was choking by performing the heimlich maneuver and was able to dislodge enough food that the inmate started breathing again. Once the inmate was transferred to the hospital, they had to surgically remove the food and stated that if it weren't for the life saving efforts of Lieutenant McDowall, the inmate would have died. Deputy Trask and Sergeant Kinsel saved the life of an inmate that had attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself in her cell. She had attached bed sheets to the door and put them around her neck and sat down. Immediately, Deputy Trask and Sergeant Kinsel ordered control to open the cell door. Deputy Trask opened the door while Sergeant Kinsel caught her and lowered her to the floor. Deputy Trask removed the noose from her neck. Staff believe she was hanging for approximately 15 seconds. The inmate was seen by a mental health professional who acknowledged that the efforts of Deputy Trask and Sergeant Kinsel saved the inmate's life. Each were presented the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award by Sheriff Dickerson. The Board thanked them all for their service.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: CODE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION FEE:

Robin first clarified that the order adopting this fee will not take place today.

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, has reviewed this proposal with the Board at a prior staff meeting. This hearing is required to create the investigation fee. He explained how and why this fee would be required. The fees would become effective January 1, 2017. He would recommend approval.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Heimuller has reviewed this and appreciates the consistency with the fee schedule and is in favor of approving this order. Commissioner Hyde concurred. With that, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Order No. 62-2016, "In the Matter of Amending Fee Schedules for Permits under the Building Inspection Program, On-Site Wastewater Program and Planning Program to Include a Uniform Code Compliance Investigative Fee". The motion carried unanimously.

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 10/17/16.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde has been spending a lot time working with our federal delegation on a House Bill and a Senate Bill that were initially for fire fighting issues or forest fires and the funding that is coming out the forest service and BLM budget rather than separate from that which does not allow for activity that are really meant for forest managements. We now have a forest management bill that is in conference committee between house and senate and looks like we may actually get a forest management bill passed.

He will be in Salem tomorrow for a Council of Forest Trust Lands committee meeting.

Shout out to our Emergency Management Services department and their performance and preparedness for the storm that was to hit our area last Saturday.

Commissioner Hyde commented on the glitch regarding the Voters' Pamphlet. Although, we had nothing to do with it, he offers his apologies to the public. The counties portion of the voter's pamphlet was inserted right in the middle of the pamphlet, in the middle of Measure 97 pro and cons arguments. He stated there has been a protest filed with the Secretary of State regarding this issue, not just in our County but other counties as well.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller attended the OTC annual meeting last Thursday and Friday. The meeting went well with a lot of testimony on transportation funding.

On Friday, he drove to Salem for a Health and Human Services committee meeting and talked about how housing affects health care.

Tomorrow and the remainder of the week, he will be in Linn County for the annual Oregon Fair Association conference with some of our fair board members.

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 19th of October, 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