

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 5, 2010

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2009 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEALTHY START:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, came before the Board along with Sunday Kamy and Jim Wilson of the Healthy Start Program. Jan gave a brief background on the program and how it's funded. Jan and the Healthy Start staff wanted to thank Jan Greenhalgh for her help in raising money and donations for the program and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and flowers.

SELECT CHAIR/VICE CHAIR/BUDGET OFFICER FOR 2010:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Commissioner Hyde as Chair of Board for 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Commissioner Fisher as Vice Chair of the Board for 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to appoint Jennifer Cueller Smith as Budget Officer for 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

SET BOARD MEETING DATES/TIMES FOR 2010:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to continue work session, Board meeting and Staff meeting dates and times as follow: Board meetings every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.; Work Sessions every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.; and Staff meetings every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 1/5/10.

The motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT:

Jean Ripa reviewed the procedure to be followed for the recruitment of the Emergency Management Director position. She will work with Commissioner Hyde to obtain a list of Homeland Security committee members to help develop a list of potential candidates. Commissioner Bernhard asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak to the process discussed. Hearing none, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded authorized Jean Ripa to move forward with the process outlined. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Geneva Shadley recently resigned from the NOHA Board and her position needs to be replaced. Casey Mitchell has made some recommendations and Jan will send out applications.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

None.

The Board then recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened on Wednesday, January 6, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. with all present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

- Personnel issues were discussed by the Board.
- Commissioner Hyde gave a brief update on the lobbyist situation and will bring more information to the Board at a later date.
- Commissioner Hyde continues to work on the relocation of the Vernonia school and with the various agencies.

- The Board will be attending Senator Wyden's town hall meeting in Vernonia on January 13th at 9 a.m. The Board will then return to St. Helens for their regularly scheduled staff meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Fisher gave an update on the progress so far by the Law Enforcement Task Force. Sarah has prepared a Personal Services Contract with Paul Koch, the facilitator for the committee. Commissioner Bernhard signed and it needs ratification. With that, **Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to ratify approval and the Chair's signature on the Personal Services Contract with Paul Koch. The motion carried unanimously.**
- The Board discussed holding a retreat to go over the upcoming budget. There was Board consensus to meet all day on Friday, January 22nd.
- Commissioner Bernhard addressed the need to appoint someone to the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority to replace Geneva Shadley. She has talked with Nina Reed who has agreed to being appointed and an interest form has been sent to her. Once received, the Board will make the appointment.
- **Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize Lorraine Churchill to attend the National Web EOC conference in Augusta, Georgia on May 17-21. The motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that UASI will reimburse the county for costs associated with this conference.
- Commissioner Fisher had discussions with Chad Olsen, City of St. Helens, about the possibility of partnering with them in plowing the county parking lot and around the courthouse during snow weather.
- Sarah is preparing a Personal Services Contract with Brian Little for facilitation services to start up the Economic Development Commission.
- Commissioner Hyde discussed the RFP process for title company services with regards to flood relief.
- Commissioner Fisher updated the Board on the possibility of County Commissioner positions becoming non-partisan.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of January, 2010.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner