

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 30, 2014

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 Jewel Japs, Recorder.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 Board meeting and July 23, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Richard Melton, 55141 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose, OR 97056: Mr. Melton is battling the County, who threatened to tear out his driveway which was put in in 1981, threatening to remove various signs and fine him for a garage sale for which he did not have a permit. He is disabled and feels he has been harassed unnecessarily. Law enforcement officials responding to his charges cannot find the County is at fault and he feels the County does not want to take responsibility. Commissioner Heimuller assured Mr. Melton that any phone calls made to the Commissioners would be returned.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With bolded changes in Item (C), Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 7/21/14.
- (B) Authorize the Community Justice Director to fill 1 vacant Parole/Probation Officer position.
- (C) Accept Warranty Deed from **Claire McClenny** donating property on Hankey Road to Columbia County **and authorize the Chair to sign.**
- (D) Order No. 32-2014, "In the Matter of Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchise Areas Covering Rural Columbia County.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on the Secure Rural Schools meeting he attended and the discussions held on Senator Wyden's bill, which did not meet the SRS goals. An alternative 150-page bill was sent to the Senator's staff, who has requested more time to write a bill they can all work with. The SRS would like to see sustained resources and some land management language within the bill. A lot of work is going on in the background around this matter.

He will be attending the O&C meeting in Eugene next Thursday, during which time appointments will be made to the O&C Board.

This coming weekend is the Vernonia Jamboree & Logging Show and invited everyone to attend.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Fisher was in Salem last Friday at the AOC meeting. There was discussion about leadership areas and about the initiatives to be on the ballot this year, including marijuana. One initiative deals with 'open or unified crime area' meaning anyone can run in the primary election, and the top two contenders would run in the November election. There was a lot of discussion about shared services and how layers of government can work together.

The City of Clatskanie City Manager is very pleased with work the County Road Department did on Conyers Road. Working together saved the City money. The County attempts to work together with other jurisdiction whenever we can.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller is very impressed with how the Road Department crews have worked together in a professional and organized manner. Recent work with other agencies in the area, such as the City of Scappoose, develops partnerships to save money and create goodwill. Paving projects this summer are limited depending on maintenance dollars available. The process to determine locations to be paved is quite involved. Kudos to the Road crew for a great job.

He attended a Community Action Team meeting on Monday.

This is the last week the Clatskanie Chief Newspaper will publish under the Hazen-Steele leadership which has been operating this family newspaper for decades. He wishes to pass on our best wishes to the Hazen-Steele family; prayers and blessings to the Chronicle and Country Media who is taking over the publication of the newspaper. The

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Steel family will remain community leaders. Their legacy has been a benchmark in the history of north Columbia County.

Last weekend was the United Way Blues Festival in Clatskanie as well as the Maritime Festival in St. Helens. This coming weekend is the Vernonia Jamboree and Logging Show, along with the 100th Year Anniversary of the Beaver Homes Grange public is invited to join in this century mark celebration.

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th day of July, 2014.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

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Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: _____

Jewel Japs

By: _____

Recorder

Earl Fisher, Commissioner