

COLUMBIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

July 15, 2015

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

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Heimuller seconded to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 CCDA meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

URBAN RENEWAL IMPAIRMENT:

Jennifer Cuellar, Finance Director and Sue Martin, County Assessor were present for a lengthy discussion on the Urban Renewal Impairment and to update the Board on the details. Jennifer explained that, two sessions ago, the legislature enacted rules effecting urban renewals (ORS 457.445), which also effected the CCDA. Essentially, the issue is that urban renewal districts can opt in or out of getting a slice of new local option levy revenues. The deadline was May 1st to review this and make the request to the County Assessor. Last year there were 2 new levies and one renewal - the Jail, the Clatskanie RFPD and 911. The Board had decided that the urban renewal district didn't need any additional funds, so they opted out and it wasn't requested, nor was it built into the budget. This is where the certificate of impairment comes in. If the work of the urban renewal district was more than anticipated and/or the funds were not sufficient to cover the debt service, the district would therefore be impaired and we could do a certificate of impairment. It is now time again this year to review and determine if the urban renewal district will opt in or out. Sue noted there are no new levies scheduled for this next year. When asked, Jennifer and Sue estimate the cost of opting out last year was approximately \$560,000. If the County opted in, it would have been a net loss of \$80,000 to the 911 District; \$325,000 to the Fire District; and \$161,000 to the Jail. After discussion on the effects of the prior decisions made, the net effects to all districts and what the Board will decide for this year, there was consensus that the Board wanted to see the breakdown during the budget process before making a decision. Jennifer will have that prepared.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 15th day of July, 2015.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
COLUMBIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____
Earl Fisher, Vice-Chair

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Secretary/Treasurer

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator