

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Staff Presentation Worksheet

Presentation Date: January 19, 2010 **Time:** 11:15 am **Length:** 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Colton Fire District Board Appointments

Department: Public and Government Affairs (PGA)

Presenters: Gary Schmidt—PGA. Greg Baker, Gary Hampton, Ed Kirchhofer, Ted Kunze—citizen panelists.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Does the Board of County Commissioners approve of the public recruitment process for the Colton Fire District Board, as conducted by County staff?
2. Is the Board of County Commissioners prepared to appoint two interim members of the Colton Fire District Board?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

On December 8, the Colton Fire District's volunteer firefighters delivered a nearly unanimous no-confidence vote against the Colton Fire District Board and the Colton Fire Chief. The Colton Fire Department is overseen by a five-person elected civilian board.

Of the five members, one position was vacant prior to the no-confidence vote. On December 17, three other board members resigned. One member remains. The Fire Chief has been on sick leave since December 9.

Under the authority of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 198.320, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for appointing interim members of the Colton Fire District Board. These interim members will serve until an election is held, as specified by statute.

On December 22, the Board of County Commissioners decided to appoint two interim members so the Fire District Board could achieve a quorum and conduct business. It would then be the responsibility of the newly comprised board to appoint its remaining two members. The Board of County Commissioners directed Public and Government Affairs, in consultation with County Counsel and the Department of Employee Services, to conduct an open and timely recruitment process for the Colton board positions.

On December 23, public notice of the open recruitment was distributed to the local media, posted on the County website, and communicated through citizen outreach to the Colton community. Applications were due on January 7. Thirteen applications were received.

On January 11, public notice of the interviews was distributed to the local media, posted on the County website, and communicated through citizen outreach to the Colton community. Since then, one applicant removed his application from consideration.

On January 12, eleven applicants were interviewed in a public meeting by the following citizen panelists:

- Greg Baker, Executive Director, Special Districts Association of Oregon
- Gary Hampton, Chair, Colton Community Planning Organization
- Ed Kirchhofer, Fire Chief, Clackamas Fire District #1
- Ted Kunze, Fire Chief, City of Canby

The citizen panel recommends the Board of County Commissioners choose from the following four applicants to appoint the two interim members of the Colton Fire District Board (unranked, in alphabetical order):

- Voss Bigonivich
- Kevin Donegan
- Ivan Maluski
- Rex Rice

The citizen panelists will attend today's session to comment on these recommendations. A list of all applicants is attached.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1. Appoint two interim members of the Colton Fire District Board, as stipulated by ORS 198.320.
2. Reject all applications and reopen the recruitment process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of County Commissioners appoint two interim members of the Colton Fire District Board at today's session.

SUBMITTED BY

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval Harry Subject for Elisa Gentler

County Administrator Approval _____

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