

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 6, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2002 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECT CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2003:**

Commissioner Bernhard nominated Commissioner Corsiglia for Chair of the Board. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to appoint Commissioner Joe Corsiglia as Chair of the Board for 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECT VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2003:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Commissioner Bernhard as Vice-Chair for 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT BUDGET OFFICER FOR 2003:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to appoint Commissioner Hyde as Budget Officer for 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

**SET BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES FOR 2003:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to continue the current meeting schedules for 2003, Board meetings every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., Work Sessions every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Board Staff meetings every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full and added item (A). With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Authorize Jan Kenna to fill the Office Specialist position for Commission on Children & Families.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #1 to contract between Columbia County and the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District.

The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY GROUP:

John Knight received a list from the State of possible appointments to the Transportation Study group. In addition, other suggestions included a representative from all senior centers, First Student Bus company, the fire districts and St. Helens Taxi Service, along with Mike Sykes and Lynn Chiotti. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that he will be attending the Traffic Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday and will bring this up to see if they want a representative on this group. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to offer appointment to the Transportation Study Group to persons listed by the State, understanding that additional appointments can be made. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Now that he is Chair, he wanted to thank Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Bernhard for the examples they have set over the last two years. He is looking forward to the new year.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the coronation of the Fair Rodeo Court at the Fairgrounds. It was well attended and people were very supportive. She is also looking forward to the coming year.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde stated that, in his official capacity as AOC President, he is off to Washington DC, to meet with NACo representatives regarding national issues. There will also be a White House visit with the President.

On Monday, he will be in Salem attending the first legislative session. He will be meeting with the Governor and his representatives.

While in Washington, DC, he will be pushing an extension of the re-authorization of the EDA bill which includes funding for COLPAC.

On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Columbia County is hosting the District 7 meeting in St. Helens. Unfortunately, both Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Bernhard will not be available to attend. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that he would be there for the meeting.

**COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:**

John advertized a public meeting/hearing for next Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, for the CDBG grant funding for the CCMH facility. John explained how the process will work. First there will be a public meeting where Bill Potter will make a presentation to the Board, after which the hearing will be held for public input.

He noted that there will be another CDBG hearing for the transitional housing project through Community Corrections and Community Action Team. However, that will be held on another date.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL SALARY RANGE:**

Jean Ripa reviewed her memo to the Board regarding the salary range of the Building Official and the problems with recruitment. These problems prompted a salary survey. She has completed the survey and has found that Columbia County is about 8% below market. Building inspection staff has been extremely difficult to recruit for the County. Inspectors and building officials are currently in high demand as the housing market has not shrunk with the rest of the economy. The needed technical skills and state certifications required for people to do these jobs make it even more difficult to hire qualified staff. Because many of these people come from the construction trades, they are accustomed to traveling to work. This makes the higher salaries of the metro area much more attractive.

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, explained why the last applicants did not qualify. The department is in a crucial position now with the expected growth. This is one of the most critical positions in his department and he would like to be competitive so he can hire a qualified person and keep them. Because of the salary range, he cannot keep this position filled.

Solely for the external market conditions which are peculiar to this one position, Jean would recommend that the Board approve re-assigning the Building Official position to Exempt Salary Range 9, effective immediately. She noted that this may cause some internal issues that the Board may have to deal with.

After some discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard to re-assign the Building Official position to Salary Range 9 and authorize the filling of that position. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

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: Joe Corsiglia  
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: Rita M. Bernhard  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: Anthony Hyde  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: Jan Greenhalgh  
Jan Greenhalgh