

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 15, 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 Corsiglia called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

None.

APPLICATION FOR U.S.D.A. FUNDING:

Donna Tewksbury, CCMH, came before the Board regarding two funding opportunities for the new CCMH facility. One is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other is a USDA loan. Donna gave some background on the services they provide and the reasons for this new facility. The facility would combine the following services into one site, (Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Mentally Retarded/Developmentally Disabled, Prevention and Intervention, Addictions, Mental and Emotional Disorders) as well as the central business office. This will eliminate space problems and benefit Medicare clients. Currently, Medicare won't pay for services if their treatment is not provided in the same building as a medical provider.

Bill Potter, General Services, referred to the design maps to explain the layout of the new facility.

Commissioner Hyde feels it should be made clear that this does not mean there is funding issues with mental health in Columbia County because there are and were looking at even more. We should be responsible for accessing federal dollars where we can. This plan should actually save money.

John Knight explained procedure. There are two separate issues taking place here. The first is a public information meeting on the USDA application and the second is a public hearing on the CDBG grant. The purpose of this meeting is to give citizens the opportunity comment on the USDA loan proposal. Therefore, the Board should take any comments from the public. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia opened the meeting for public testimony. With no comments coming forward, the Board moved forward with the CDBG hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION FOR CDBG GRANT FUNDING:

John Knight explained that this hearing is on the CDBG grant for the CCMH facility. The purpose of this hearing is to allow the public to make comments on community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with this CDBG project. John asked that all testimony given in the USDA meeting, just held, be incorporated into this hearing. So done.

At this time, the hearing was opened for public comment. With no testimony coming before the Board, Commissioner Hyde commented. With a lot of second-guessing by the public in terms of the Community Corrections block grant, which is part of this, he is surprised that there is no one here to ask questions. Commissioner Corsiglia has heard comments in the community that the county should back away from applying for federal dollars and that would correct our problems. Commissioner Hyde explained that there are federal dollars allocated for funding and if we don't apply for them, then our tax dollars will be going to another community and the county loses.

Donna Tewksbury, CCMH, stressed that this funding will go towards services for people who desperately need these services in Columbia County and it is our responsibility to apply for these funds.

With no further comments coming before the Board, the hearing was closed.

John Knight explained the process here. Columbia Community Mental Health will be filing the application for the USDA loan and the County will be applying for the CDBG grant. For the record, Donna verified that all information submitted in the CDBG grant application is true and accurate. The grant application needs to be approved and signed by the Board. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the CDBG grant application and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: LIVESTOCK KILL - MARUGG V. BURDETTE:

John Knight first reviewed ORS 609.155 which governs the process for dealing with livestock kills. In the case, Mr. Richard Burdette filed a complaint that two of his goats were killed by dogs. Information obtained determined that the dogs are owned by Mr. & Mrs. Marugg. They were sent notice of the preliminary information received and they requested a hearing before the Board.

Shawn Barrett, Animal Control, informed the Board that Mr. Burdette has requested a continuance of this hearing. Shawn asked for John's legal opinion on this. John stated that it is at the discretion of the Board to continue the hearing. The Board asked to hear from Mr. Burdette.

Mr. Burdette, 54270 Myer Road, Scappoose, came before the Board to explain his situation. He feels that going through this hearing process could just create problems. He spoke with Chris

Marugg this morning, who seems to be sincere in his willingness to work this out without going through the hearing process. He asked that the hearing be continued to allow that to happen.

Shawn went over expenses the County is out on this, which is approximately \$100.00. The dog has been surrendered and sent out of the country.

Commissioner Hyde feels that when these types of issues arise and they can be worked out between the parties without going before the Board, he supports that. Commissioner Bernhard agreed. Commissioner Corsiglia also agrees but feels the county should be compensated for any expenses.

After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to continue this hearing for two weeks, January 29, 2003, to allow the parties time to resolve this issue. The motion carried unanimously.

For clarification, if there is no settlement and withdrawal request, the hearing will be held on January 29, 2003.

DONNA TEWKSBURY, CCMH:

Measure 28 Effects: Donna Tewksbury, CCMH, came before the Board to share the effects on services if Measure 28 doesn't pass. The total reduction in funding would be approximately \$200,000 and she explained who would be effected by these reductions.

Alcohol/Drug/Gambling Implementation Plan: CCMH has completed the 2003/2005 Alcohol/Drug and Gambling Implementation Plan. It has been approved by the Commission on Children & Families and the Local Alcohol Drug Planning Committee. It now requires approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Board will have John review this for action next week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. Because Diana Boom has declined appointment to the Planning Commission as a full time member, item (G) was removed. John Knight elaborated on the language to item M for better clarification. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 1/7/03 & 1/14/03.
- (B) Order No. 1-2003, "In the Matter of Selling to Bernard "Bernie" P. Reinbold and Mary E. Reinbold Certain County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 05-10 8434-010-01801".
- (C) Order No. 2-2003, "In the Matter of Selling to Joseph Carpenter Certain County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 01-08 4216-033-00300".

- (D) Appoint Cliff Tetrault to the Columbia County Civil Service Commission for a (6) six year term to expire January 31, 2009.
- (E) Appoint Roger Ege to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District.
- (F) Reappoint Dennis Nelson and Lona Pierce to the Columbia County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term.
- (G) Appoint Diana Boom to the Columbia County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term. **DIANA DECLINED APPOINTMENT - ITEM REMOVED.**
- (H) Approve extension of final payment date for purchase of Tax Lot No. 7405-000-02000 by Avent/Slape until February 1, 2003.
- (I) 2003 Social Gaming License for "Wayside Inn".
- (J) Authorize Jim Gibson to fill one Corrections Sergeant position.
- (K) Authorize the recruitment of one Marine Patrol Sergeant.
- (L) Approval to remove the Jungle Gym membership option.
- (M) Approve application for continuing the Domestic Violence Grant, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, appointing Sheriff Derby as the official grant representative, and directing and authorizing the official representative to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- (N) Approve application for Transportation Enhancement Grant for acquisition of the Linear Trail.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (O) Local Agency Agreement #18,791 with ODOT for Beaver Falls Road Guardrail Replacement.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to congratulate Boise Cascade for 1 million hours of safety. This is a very significant mark and certificates will be given to each employee.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to thank Representative Betsy Johnson for all her work on the E-Board regarding the rail car issue. Ultimately, we will be having some excursion cars that will go from Portland to Astoria. There has been a lot of work going into this to see it happen.

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Fair Board meeting last week and it was mentioned that the Oregon State Fair presented the CRPUD an award for their support of the fair. Another award was given to our Fair for the Easter Egg hunt.

She will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday to attend the Workforce Investment Board meeting in Salem. They will be working on funding issues for education of dislocated workers.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. last week with AOC. They met with all of our legislative representatives with the exception of Hooley. They pushed a number of issues, most importantly the re-authorization of the Craig Wyden bill, which is the second largest revenue stream for Columbia County. Other issues discussed were on transportation and economic development funding, trying to get permanent funding for COLPAC. He also attended a White House briefing on Friday.

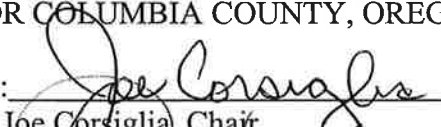
There was no Executive Session held.

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

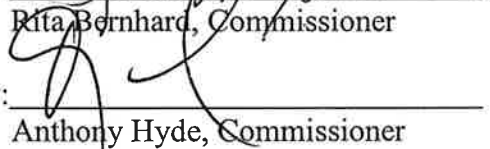
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of January, 2003.

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

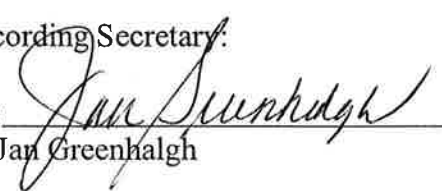
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh