

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 12, 2003

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2003 Staff meeting and March 5, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. Item (K) was removed for discussion. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 3/11/03.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Paul & Laura Thayer.
- (C) Order No. 18-2003, "In the Matter of Appointing Delegates to Apply for and Accept Federal Grant Funds Under 49 USC Section 5309 [Bus and Bus-Related Capital Projects]".
- (D) Order No. 19-2003, "In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services Contract for the Provision of Application Review Services from the Screening and Selection Procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule".
- (E) Reappoint Herman McNeely to the Columbia County Farm Use Board of Review for a two (2) year term.
- (F) Authorize Tom Linhares to fill the vacant Data Analyst position in the Assessor's office.

- (G) 2003 Liquor License Renewals for:
 - The Barnstormer Inn; and
 - The Warren Country Inn.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Amendment #3 to Personal Services Contract with Kuper Consulting, LLC.
- (I) Local Agency Agreement Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Project Beaver Creek (Old Highway 30) Bridge #00155.
- (J) Local Agency Agreement Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Project Beaver Creek (Old Highway 30) Bridge #00157.
- (K) Approve ODOT Right-of-Entry onto County-owned property, Tax Account No. 3201-030-03200 (soil investigation). **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION.**

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (K) - ODOT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

Sarah explained that she has not yet reviewed the Right-of-Entry agreement and would therefore recommend that the Board approve it, subject to her review. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the ODOT Right-of-Entry agreement, subject to review by County Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM DAVID JOHNSON FOR WAIVER OF HARDSHIP RENEWAL FEE:

John Knight gave a brief explanation of David Johnson's request. Staff has recommended approval and John would agree with that. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the request by David Johnson for a waiver of his Hardship renewal fee. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended a fund-raising event in Clatskanie over the weekend. It was very well attended.

He heard a report that Columbia County's unemployment rate is now 10.4%. This isn't good news for the county. With what is happening in the state budget and the reduction of services, it's going to be a tough time for a lot of people.

Commissioner Corsiglia commented on the failure of the parental consent measure that was on the ballot.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

The Board attended a Red Cross breakfast yesterday to honor those who volunteer their time to the Red Cross. It was a very nice way to acknowledge these people.

She also attended a couple of town hall meetings in St. Helens and Scappoose dealing with budgets on both the State and County level.

On Monday, she attended the kickoff on the Lewis & Clark bridge repair project. The first closure will start in about a week. A lot of notice has been put out there to inform the public.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

The 10.4% unemployment rate is astounding and he's not sure it's not going to get worse before it gets better. The legislators have to make some very difficult decisions. He feels a little more comfortable with the recent decision regarding the cigarette tax and lottery dollars.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John has been working with the Animal Control Officer in dealing with dog bite complaints.

John has also been working with Donna Tewksbury, CCMH, on possible amendments to the agreement between Columbia County and CCMH, to deal with State budget cuts and providing certain services. John will be bringing that before the Board possibly by next week.

John has been working with Paul Snyder, AOC and 4 other county counsels on a review board. They have been discussing how to respond to budget cuts in Community Corrections.

Sarah discussed the SOLV project that the Parks and Road departments have been working on at Beaver Falls. SOLV wants to work on this project and has submitted a waiver form and volunteer agreement. Sarah has some questions that still need to be answered before she would recommend approval.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all present.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order.

YOUNG MECHANICAL SERVICES - FLOOD MAP ISSUE:

Todd Dugdale recapped the discussion held last week on the property located on Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy and Hwy 30, regarding the FEMA flood map, which has been determined to be in error. Todd gave notice to all adjoining property owners to be present today for discussion. Mr. Young wants to move his industrial business to this property but is running into problems because of the FEMA Flood map. A map amendment needs to be submitted to FEMA to correct the map. Todd explained the process that needs to be followed which could take anywhere from

4-6 months. Discussion was held on the need to get an extension of the loan approval process until this issue is resolved. Further discussion was held on several issues involved with this project including assurances, funding, etc. It was determined that a map amendment application needs to be submitted to start the process. Rick stated that he has already filled out an application, but it is incomplete because it lacks the technical data. However it is available for re-submission. Also, a letter needs to be sent to the Trustee of the property to explain the issues and what is being done to mitigate them. Commissioner Hyde suggested that the Director of Region 10 be contacted for help on moving this forward. A conference call was scheduled for next Wednesday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. with all parties including FEMA.

The Board recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. for a tour of the Apple Valley and Carcus Creek property.

The Board toured the Apple Valley and Carcus Creek property to view logging projects.

AMENDMENT #2 TO COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT:

After a brief review, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Amendment #2 to the Community Solutions Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

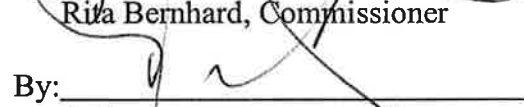
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of March, 2003.

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, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:
By: 
Jan Greenhalgh