

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 26, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with Sarah Tyson, Assistant County Council 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 March 19, 2003 Staff meeting, and March 19, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE #2003-2 - ACCESS APPROACH PERMITS:

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending Rules and Regulations for the Construction of Access Approaches to Public and County Roads in Columbia County, Oregon and Adopting a New Access Approach Road Construction Application and Permit Form", was held.

Sarah presented the Board with the most recent draft. This ordinance is a culmination of all the discussions that have been held on this issue at previous work sessions. Sarah reviewed the substantive changes in the ordinance, which are mostly contained in Section 8. The language in Section 8(b) clarifies that *the \$500 cash deposit is not required if the permanent access approach has been constructed and approved by the Columbia County Public Works Director, prior to applying for a building permit.* A more important change is the addition of language in Section 8(d), that states that *the applicant shall hold the County harmless and shall indemnify the County from any and all liability resulting from the issuance of an access approach permit, including any liability under the Endangered Species Act.* Sarah explained the importance of this language. Other changes were minor housekeeping items. She noted that there is no emergency clause contained in this ordinance, however that is up to the Board to include if they feel it is necessary. The Board did not feel it is necessary to include an emergency clause in this ordinance.

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, explained that the ordinance simply updates the procedure to reflect current environmental regulations and standards. There has been some clarification of language and housekeeping changes.

The hearing was opened for public testimony. With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. The Board is comfortable with this ordinance and, with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-2. The motion carried unanimously.

With that, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-2, "In the Matter of Amending Rules and Regulations for the Construction of Access Approaches to Public and County Roads in Columbia County, Oregon, and Adopting a New Access Approach Road Construction Application and Permit Form", by title only. The second reading was then scheduled for April 9, 2003 at or after 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 3/25/03.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for "St. Helens Partners".
- (C) Order No. 20-03, "In the Matter of Granting Permission to the LDS Young Women's Group to Use B-B Guns and Bows and Arrows During its Exclusive Use of Camp Wilkerson July 7 through July 11, 2003".
- (D) 2003 Liquor License Renewals for:
 - Wayside Inn;
 - Alston Country Store and Video.
- (E) Authorize Dave Hill to accomplish following staff changes:
 - (1) Fill one Crew Lead worker position in Clatskanie District – promotional;
 - (2) Create position of District Supervisor, Rainier/ Clatskanie, and assign to salary range 30 – promotional;
 - (3) Create position of District Supervisor, St. Helens, and assign to salary range 30 – promotional;
 - (4) Fill vacancy to be left by retirement of Sign Maintenance Worker, Greg Allen;
 - (5) Fill vacancy to be left by retirement of Mechanic, Dave Holinbeck, on June 30th.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Amendment #45 to the 2001-2003 County Financial Assistance Agreement #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (G) Amendment #46 to the 2001-2003 County Financial Assistance Agreement #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (H) Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement #2028 between the State of Oregon Department of Corrections and Columbia County.
- (I) Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and Multnomah County for Easy I(2), Inc. HIPAA Training.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia spent most of the weekend helping Ron and Pat Davis open up their new assisted living facility in Clatskanie. This is something Clatskanie can be very proud of and is a very much needed facility in that area. He complimented the Davis' on their efforts to put this together.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the MTC Job Fair last week. There was somewhere between 500-600 people who attended throughout the day. With the unemployment rate what it is, she was surprised to see some employers actually taking applications to fill positions.

The Board held their budget committee meeting last Thursday. She was happy to see all the department heads work so hard to balance their budgets and their willingness to give up some things they needed. They all recognize the financial situation the County is facing.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde also commented on the budget issue. This years process is somewhat different than previous years. The intent this year is to pass the budget early and then make adjustments at the end. He believes there will be significant adjustments towards the end of this budget year. This is not a pleasant year for the budget. He wanted to compliment the department heads who agreed not to take a salary increase this year.

The Portland Community College Advisory Committee is meeting this afternoon regarding their intention to withdraw some significant services in Columbia County. They may be closing down their Columbia County office.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

Sarah had a conversation with Rich Morten regarding his final Order No. 9-2003. He brought up a condition that was in the Planning Commission's final order and carried over to the Board order, but worded a little differently. The condition required Mr. Morten to do certain road improvements, including overlay, bike paths and sidewalks. After review of the Planning Commission's final order and final Board Order, she met with Todd Dugdale and Lonny Welter and it appears that there is no need for sidewalks and curbs. Therefore, Sarah will amend the final order and bring it back before the Board for action. She will send notice of the amended order to all parties involved. She noted that the 21 day appeal process will begin again once the amended order is approved.

RAY GODSEY, CCCSC BOARD MEMBER:

Ray Godsey approached the Board regarding a survey he received that is being conducted for the transportation study. He asked if the Board is expecting a scientific survey with this because it doesn't appear to be. He doesn't feel this is a legitimate survey and it can be totally skewed as a result of accessibility and he questions of integrity of this survey. Ray suggested that the Board contact Carol Landsman about this survey and determine what purpose it will serve. Commissioner Bernhard stated that she would contact Carol Landsman to determine the intent of the survey.

On another matter, Commissioner Corsiglia stated that when he was in Salem, there was some concern on the part of James Towes, about compliance. He asked Ray how that was coming along. Ray stated that he had scheduled a meeting with Mr. Towes, however it was scuttled by persons that had no right to scuttle it. He has set another meeting, however that is his business alone and will not divulge when and where that meeting will take place.

Commissioner Hyde reviewed the survey and agrees that it is not a scientific survey, however it appears to be an information gathering document that could be valuable. Ray would agree that it may have some potential benefit, however, Ray feels that the people of Columbia County have rights and he is here to protect those rights.

There was no Executive Session held.

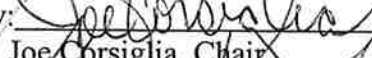
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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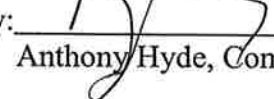
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26th day of March, 2003.

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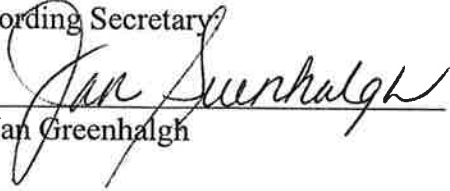
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh