

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 28, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Cynthia Zemaitis, acting Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. Discussion was held on several items. With regard to item (H) concerning the Sheriff's levy, John Knight stated that comments have been received back from the Sheriff's office on the draft order, but John Knight suggested that Commissioner Hyde be given the opportunity to review the draft order before it is approved. With regard to the RAC projects, item (I) Commissioner Corsiglia asked for confirmation that these projects were in the right order; John Knight and Commissioner Bernhard confirmed that the Linea trail improvements was given the highest priority. On item (D), Commissioner Bernhard explained to the audience the reason for the resolution supporting the Woodland ferry proposal.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 5/27/03.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Westview Subdivision (David Scharf).
- (C) Order No. 35-2003, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property to Stephen Collard, Tamara Collard, John Holbrook and Marsha Holbrook [Tax Account No. 01-01 3212-032-00801]".
- (D) Resolution No. 38-2003, "A Resolution in Support of a Feasibility Study for Ferry Service Between Woodland, Washington, and St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.
- (E) Reappoint Dee Wooley to the Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term.

- (F) Authorize the Land Development Services Director to fill the vacant Planner II position.
- (G) Authorize the County Clerk to fill the vacant Animal Care Specialist position.
- (H) Authorize County Counsel's office to draft order authorizing the call for election on the Sheriff's levy.
- (I) Ratify the priority of RAC-funded projects: first, the Linear trail crossing improvements; second, overlay sections of the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (J) Ratify Intergovernmental Service Agreement, Contract #854, between the Oregon Department of Revenue and Columbia County Community Corrections.
- (K) Approve Amendment #1 to the Intergovernmental Service Agreement, Contract #854, and authorize Cliff Multanen to sign.
- (L) Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for a Veterans' Service Officer for Columbia County.

With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**LEWIS & CLARK GRANT:**

Commissioner Corsiglia stated that a number of people have approached the Board about being involved in the Lewis & Clark process. He would like John Knight to comment on the grant status and any future funding possibilities at the next work session. John Knight stated that the County had been awarded the grant but hasn't taken any action on it. Commissioner Corsiglia is concerned that we are running out of time to put things in place, and confirmed that he would like to see the Historical Society and members of the community invited to the next work session to discuss where we're at and where we want to go.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Another busy week, with a positive couple months in stabilizing the budget

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Memorial Day service in Scappoose; it was very well attended and is highly thought of. Also, she has received several calls and comments about the bear being shot in Scappoose. She thinks there are likely to be similar incidents in the future and we need to be prepared to deal with it. There has been a discussion to hold a "sit-down" with County staff, including the Sheriff and Animal Control Officer, and any others who might be interested. She believes we need to take a look at better ways to deal with these situations. There are specific rules and laws governing tranquilizing animals.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:**

John believes the situation with the bear was handled just fine. However, the Board has never addressed the role of the Animal Control Officer in such situations, which should probably be done.

Regarding the transportation issue, John talked with several staff from ODOT'S Public Transit Division Friday afternoon. He asked for money to interview folks at COLCO transportation about practices; to plan for providing services beginning July 1; and to prepare a request for proposals for a provider to come in and take over the service. John stated that people should expect a transition period of, hopefully, 2 months, but it may be longer. The County will have to come up with a way to provide service during this time.

In addition, there are community forums set up for citizens to discuss the transit plan. The first one is tonight in Rainier. John outlined the schedule for these forums. The surveys were very complimentary of COLCO for the most part. The forums are for people to provide in-put into the process as a way of supplementing the survey.

Commissioner Corsiglia and John Knight held a discussion with COLCO representatives yesterday, who have promised to be very helpful in the transition. Commissioner Corsiglia believes the seniors owe COLCO a big thank-you for having taken this on for so long. Commissioner Bernhard thinks its important for people to understand that there will be some services and, hopefully, in the end, improved services.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

Recording Secretary:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Cynthia Zemaitis

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner