

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 4, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2003 Work Session; May 28, 2003 Staff meeting; and May 28, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO ROSE HUMBERT:

The Board presented Rose Humbert with a retirement plaque recognizing her years of service to Columbia County. The Board wished her well in her retirement.

PUBLIC HEARING: ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL CLE/CTOP FUND:

As scheduled, the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2003-3, "In the Matter of the Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Special CLE/CTOP Fund to Finance Required Continuing Legal Education and Court Operation Expenses of the Columbia County Justice Court(s)", was held.

John Knight explained the County currently has an ordinance (#92-2002) in place which allows the Justice Court to impose an assessment on top of any penalty or fine imposed in criminal and traffic violations. The assessment provides a source of funds for continuing legal education courses that are required by State law. The Justice of the Peace is required to have 30 hours of continuing legal education courses per year. The proposed ordinance (2003-3) would also allow some of those funds to be used for other court operation expenses, such as software for accounting and bookkeeping. It also updates some statutory references which John reviewed. This ordinance is not a big change from what we have now, but it does allow a portion of those funds to be used for court operations. The funds have been exceeding the cost of the CLE courses, so the money is available. John suggested that, after the hearing, the Board carry over any action on this ordinance until he has had time to review this with the Justice of the Peace.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. John read Ordinance No. 2003-03 twice by title only. John again suggested this matter be carried over one week. There is an emergency clause included and if adoption is unanimous, the ordinance would

go into effect on July 1, 2003, which would be easier for bookkeeping purposes. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to carry this matter over to June 11, 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kathleen Worman, came before the Board to express her concerns with the shooting of a bear cub in Scappoose. She would like to see something put in place to keep this from happening in the future. She knows first hand that the Animal Control Officer is somewhat volatile on occasion. She can see where he would respond in not the best manner. Commissioner Bernhard stated that there has been a lot of discussion on this issue but understands that it was for the safety of the residents in the area and that he was not able to use a tranquilizer gun at that time. Kathleen wanted to know why it had to be resolved the way it was. The bear was shot when it was coming down the tree. It's hard to say that the bear would have attacked. Commissioner Hyde believes it is very hard to second guess a bear. He has personally had to shoot bears when they came into the logging camp in Alaska.

The questions being asked by Kathy are all good questions, but John suggested they be addressed at the work session when this matter is planned for discussion.

Gene Humbert, Deer Island, addressed the Wauna Mill project. He understands that the Wauna Paper mill and Georgia Pacific (GP) will be putting in a new tissue machine, for about \$10+ million. He also understands that when this was all put together that GP would be hiring local contractors and local workers. The contractor that GP has hired, TIC, is coming from out of state. Gene is further concerned with the tax breaks that GP is receiving on this project. If GP is going to hire out of state workers, they shouldn't be getting a tax break on top of that. Commissioner Hyde met with Mr. Bob Shipwreck of GP on Sunday and had a long conversation about this. There was absolutely an expectation that local union labor would be used to construct that plant. The reason that Clatsop County is forgoing the taxes is because of the creation of 150 jobs. However, there was also a discussion around the fact that union labor was to be used. The County also feels duped on this, but there is nothing we can do about the tax breaks because it was not articulated in the contract that GP would be using local union labor. Commissioner Hyde and Bob Shipwreck feels that, with enough outrage, that there will be quite a bit of union labor that will be used on this project. This is a lesson learned for future projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 6/3/03.
- (B) Order No. 39-2003, "In the Matter of the Application by Morse Bros., Inc. for a New Surface Mining Operating Permit (#05-0078) at the Waterview Site".

- (C) Order No. 40-2003, "In the Matter of the Application by Morse Bros., Inc. for a New Surface Mining Operating Permit (#05-0077) at the Reichold site".
- (D) Extend the term of Pam Ruddell on the Commission on Children & Families to July 1, 2003.
- (E) Appoint Susan Goodhope to the Upper Nehalem CPAC representing the Pebble Creek Neighborhood for a two (2) year term.
- (F) Appoint Tim Fowler to the Rainier-Fernhill CPAC representing the Hudson Park Neighborhood for a two (2) year term.
- (G) Appoint Jeff Evans to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Ratify Amendments to Intergovernmental Agreements, Contracts #1001 & #1002, [ORMAP] and authorize Tom Linhares to sign.
- (I) Approve Carlson Road Cooperative Improvement Agreement with ODOT.
- (J) Database Agreement with Columbia 911 Communications District.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO FILL PAROLE/PROBATION POSITION:

Cliff Multanen, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board to request authorization to fill a budgeted Parole/Probation position. He would like to get the process started so that when he gets confirmation from the State that funding will be received, he can hire the position, effective July 1st. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the filling of a Parole/Probation position. The motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE AGENT OF RECORD:

John has drafted an order designating Pieper Ramsdell as the Insurance Agent of Record, which he reviewed at this time. There has been a lot of discussion on this matter and John has reviewed this order with the insurance agent and the Human Resources Director, who approve. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Order No. 36-2003, "In the Matter of Appointing Pieper-Ramsdell Agency, Inc., of St. Helens, Oregon, as Insurance Agent of Record". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the ALANON open house on Saturday. They took over the old Jaycee Hall on 6th Street. It is a very nice facility and the rejuvenation of the building was done almost completely by volunteers.

She attended a town hall meeting hosted by Congressman Wu's on Saturday at the Scappoose Senior Center. The major topic of conversation was the Wauna mill project. Representative Betsy Johnson was there and informed the citizens that the State will be doing whatever they can to help facilitate this issue.

She also attended a Community Action Team meeting on Monday to discuss taking over the AAA services from the Council of Seniors. The CAT Board agreed to do that, but some clarification is necessary before it becomes final. Cat would be willing to take this on, on a temporary basis until the state decides what to do for the long term.

There has been some on-going transportation meetings around the county. The transportation consultant is conducting these meetings to get public input on transportation issues and concerns. There is a definite need to have an interim transportation service for when COLCO ceases on June 30, 2003.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was out most of last week to help his mother move to Florida.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John Knight attended the Community Transit Study meetings held in Rainier and Clatskanie last week. He learned a lot about the transportation systems in those areas and now has more confidence in the continuation of services in Rainier and Clatskanie. ODOT said they would consider a request for funding to help with both the interim transportation and the development of proposals for a more permanent solution for transportation needs.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEVY:

John reviewed draft Order No. 37-2003, calling for an election of a Law Enforcement Levy. He has received comments on the order from Tom Linhares, but not from the Sheriff yet. He feels this should be ready for action next week.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 4th day of June, 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: Not Present
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: Rita M. Bernhard
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: Jan Greenhalgh
Jan Greenhalgh