

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 2, 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 June 25, 2003 Staff meeting and June 25, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Corsiglia 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 7/1/03.
- (B) Amended Resolution No. 49-2003, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and the Appropriation and Levying of ad Valorem Taxes".
- (C) 2003 Liquor License for "Baywatch Bistro".
- (D) Approve request to fill one Corrections Deputy position.
- (E) Authorize Dave Hill to fill (3) Road Maintenance Worker positions and (1) Lube Service Worker position.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) Contract with the State Marine Board for Boating Safety and Law Enforcement Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER NO. 51-2003 - RELEASE BOND #8003412:**

Sarah Tyson gave some background. In October, 2000, the Board approved a Conditional Use application by SBA Towers to site a cellular tower on Butler Road. As a condition of approval, SBA signed an agreement to demolish/remove the tower when it has no more useful life. Further, SBA purchased a bond in the amount of \$25,000 to secure the removal. In 2001, SBA transferred their interest in the tower property to Fidelity Towers, Inc. SBA's bond was released and Fidelity Towers purchased a replacement bond in the amount of \$25,000 for the same purpose. On June 4, 2003, Fidelity Towers, Inc. requested that the Board release their bond and supplied documentation that the Lease Option on the subject property has been terminated, and acknowledged that Fidelity Towers will not request building permits under the Conditional Use Permit. Sarah noted that the tower was never built. At this point, Sarah would recommend that the Board approve Order No. 51-2003, releasing the bond. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Order No. 51-2003, "In the Matter of Releasing Bond #8003412 for the Removal of a Cellular Tower at 67501 Butler Road, Deer Island, Oregon". The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER NO. 41-2003 - HELANDER CIVIL PENALTY:**

In March, 2003, the Board imposed a \$1,000 civil penalty against David Helander for a livestock kill. Sarah Tyson addressed this matter two weeks ago because Mr. Helander has not paid the penalty. At that time, the Board directed her to send a letter to Mr. Helander giving him two more weeks to comply. To date, Mr. Helander has not paid the penalty or contacted her office. Therefore, Sarah would now ask that the Board approve Order No. 41-2003 which would file a lien against Mr. Helander. The Board felt they have done everything they can for Mr. Helander and he has still not complied and with that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Order No. 41-2003, "In the Matter of Authorizing Filing a Civil Penalty against David Helander in the Columbia County Lien Records for Failure to Pay Civil Penalty". The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST BY CITY OF VERNONIA FOR HELP FUNDING MUSEUM:**

The Board received a letter from the City of Vernonia requesting \$500 to help cover the cost of preserving old photos at the Vernonia Museum. If approved, Commissioner Hyde stated that the \$500 would come out of Economic Development budget, which is very appropriate. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize the expenditure of \$500 out of Economic Development for preservation of historic photos at the Vernonia museum. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER NO. 53-2003 - AWARD CONTRACTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:**

John has not received anything back from the State indicating what the County will receive as far as funding. He will be involved in a conference call with Kathy Stratton (ODOT) at 11:00 am today where he will find out more details on funding. John is not comfortable with the Board

taking any action on this until he speaks with the State. The Board suggesting recessing the meeting until 11:30 when John might have more information. John then briefly updated the Board on the vehicle situation.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Last week was extremely busy with the Board meeting being carried over twice. The budget process is now complete for another year and he wanted to compliment County staff and department heads for their help and willingness to make cuts. With agreement from the Board, he would like to send a thank you letter to all employees. The Board agreed.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard reported on a Drug Awareness class she attended last week. She found it very interesting and informative.

She also spent several hours at 911 last week to observe the work they do. She was very impressed with how the employees work together to help one another. The whole process is handled very efficiently.

She spent much of the weekend at a number of events going on throughout the County.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Although on vacation last week, Commissioner Hyde spent three days in Salem. One day was to testify before the Parks Commission on the Linear Trail, which will hopefully be funded.

On Thursday, testified before the Ways and Means Committee on Community Solutions Team funding.

One day was spent meeting with the Governor on various issues including, PERS, 911, funding for coverage on reduced and mandated services, transportation funding, etc.

**COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:**

Sarah reported on the Planning Commission meeting Monday night. The Planning Commission recommended approval on the Goal 5 applications. Those are scheduled to be heard by the Board at evening hearings on July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

John just received an e-mail from Kathy Straiton. The conference call has been postponed until later this afternoon. To eliminate delay, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to award contracts for demand response service in Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier to Metro West, for fixed route service from St. Helens to Portland and back to Metro West, and for demand response service in the St. Helens and Scappoose areas to the Scappoose

Senior Citizens, Inc., and to authorize Chair Joe Corsiglia to sign, subject to available state funding and approval of County Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h) - PENDING LITIGATION:**

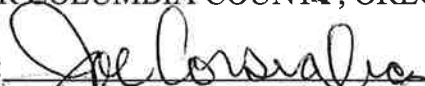
The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

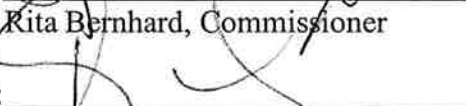
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2003.

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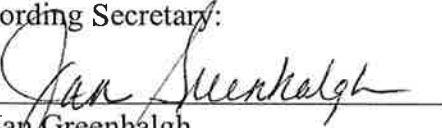
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By:   
Jan Greenhalgh