

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 9, 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 July 2, 2003 Staff meeting and July 2, Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION TO DON & BEVERLY LEE:

Not present. Held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 7/8/03.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for "Neer City Block 23".
- (C) Close Pool Accounts #5136 and #5146 and Washington Mutual Account #935-802656-0.
- (D) Authorize Ruth Baker to fill (1) half-time Tax Clerk position.
- (E) Approve letter of support for Library Services Study.
- (F) Resolution No. 54-2003, "In the Matter of Requesting Local Access to the Portland-Astoria Tour Train Commemorating the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial".
(REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION).

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (F) - RESOLUTION NO. 54-2003:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem yesterday and wanted to see how we could be most effective with this. He spoke with Claudia Howell who informed him that ODOT is reluctant to push this with the Federal Rail Association (FRA). If we were to consider adding 1-3 stops in Columbia County, it would then have an "Inter-City Rail" designation which would cost millions. If we wait until next year, that would give us about 9 months to work on the details. After discussion, the Board decided to reconsider this resolution at a later date.

Commissioner Corsiglia read the Agreements/Contracts/Amendments in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the following:

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #49 to the 2001-2003 County Financial Assistance Agreement #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (H) 2003-2005 County Intergovernmental Agreement #MED03-05COL with the Oregon Commission on Children & Families for "Healthy Start - Medicaid Administrative Activities".
- (I) Intergovernmental Agreement with DAS for Printing & Mailing Property Tax Statements.

The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING USA PATRIOT ACT:

Commissioner Corsiglia stated that there has been a big move in Oregon to address the Patriot Act and this will most likely be coming before the Board at some point. Commissioner Bernhard recently received a letter and it appears there is already a group that will be making a presentation to the Board. Once it comes before the Board, the Board will then consider gathering information from the citizens. No action needed at this time.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia enjoyed all the festivities last weekend celebrating the 4th of July. He went to Clatskanie and enjoyed the parade and other activities there. He noted that there are a lot of events that take place throughout the county, not just in St. Helens and Scappoose.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard commented on the AAA services, which Community Action Team (CAT) took over for a six month interim period. Rocky Johnson, CAT Director, has stated that the coordination efforts between CAT and the State are going quite well. Rocky also asked if there is any funding available from the County for AAA services. Commissioner Hyde said there is \$5,000 in the budget for AAA services which can be accessed.

Commissioner Bernhard received a letter from the Regional Workforce Investment Board stating that Joe Hertig, Georgia Pacific, has resigned from that Board. She spoke with Mark Schneider of Georgia Pacific yesterday and he is willing to serve on the RWIB Board as Joe's replacement. At this time, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to recommend the appointment of Mark Schneider to replace Joe Hertig on the Regional Workforce Investment Board, as a private sector member. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde enjoyed the 4th of July activities in Vernonia last weekend.

He was in Salem yesterday to testify in front of the Revenue Committee on proposed changing in the funding structure for the State. While he was there, he heard talk that the State has decided that counties are saving such a large amount with PERS that the State may go after those savings. The Governor is in support of this. He spent the rest of the day trying to see that that doesn't happen. Hopefully he made some progress.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

John Knight presented the Board with Order No. 53-2003 and reviewed it. This order would award transportation services contracts to Metro West and Scappoose Senior Citizens, Inc. He sent draft contracts to both Metro West and SSC. Metro West agrees, with some questions. John is still waiting to hear back from John Helm of the SSC. Order No. 53-2003 would award the contracts and authorize the Chair to sign. John recommended the Board approve this order. Hopefully he will have the contracts ready for signature today. Once signed, he can get the keys to Metro West and SSC and the buses can start moving. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Order No. 53-2003, "In the Matter of Awarding Contracts for Transportation Services to Metro West Ambulance and Scappoose Senior Citizens, Inc.". The motion carried unanimously.

While in attendance, the Board presented John with a hat "Knight Rider Transportation" which represents their appreciation for all the hard work John has put into this project.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

Sarah discussed the Goal 5 amendments coming before the Board. Hearings are scheduled for

July 16th, 22nd, & 23rd. She is in the process of drafting the appropriate ordinances for Board review. As for procedure, she would suggest that the 1st and 2nd readings be held until the end of the hearings because there could be some changes. Because of the time frame, Commissioner Hyde would like to keep that open. It may be that the Board is prepared for the first reading at the first hearing. Sarah stated that normally, the Board has not been putting emergency clauses in ordinances, however, the Board may want to consider including an emergency clause in the PAPA ordinance. The Board feels this is an emergency to a number of citizens and would agree with that.

Sarah informed the Board that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Fort James application for surface mining in the Meier site. This will be coming before the Board soon.

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 9th day of July, 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