

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 13, 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, 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 August 6, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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 8/12/03.
- (B) Appoint Cheryl Fantz to the Columbia Community Mental Health Board of Directors.
- (C) Approve recruitment for Community Corrections Director based on current position description. Establish interview panel consisting of three Commissioners and incumbent Director.
- (D) Authorize Public Works Director to fill one limited duration position of Transportation Planner during incumbent's military leave.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Grant Agreement #20903 with Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division.

The motion carried unanimously.

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH McNULTY WATER PUD:

John explained that this agreement is for Asbury Acres, and is basically a boilerplate agreement. It requires the County to install and maintain a service line to the place of use. Commissioner Hyde stated that there is already a service hookup that we're paying for, but it's not being utilized. John feels they seem to be operating under the assumption there is a dwelling there.

Perhaps he should contact McNulty Water to see if he can delete the requirement to install a service line because it doesn't seem to be applicable at this point. The Board agreed and held this matter over.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

The Board received a memo from Jan Kenna regarding unemployment rates. Currently, Columbia County is at 11.6%, Clatsop and Tillamook has dropped to 6.7%. It's upsetting to see this level of unemployment and he would like to see some help from the State.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard spent Friday at the Sheriff's department, shadowing UnderSheriff Gerry Simmons. She also spent time in the Juvenile department, County Counsel's office and the District Attorney's office. She was amazed at the amount of work they all do and how involved and detailed it is. The work load is extremely heavy and, hopefully, the Law Enforcement levy will pass so they can get the help they need.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended an AOC conference last week and spent a lot of time dealing with the current status of the legislative session and the effects on County funding. He spent Friday and Monday in Salem working on some bills, trying to protect County revenues.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kathleen Worman heard yesterday there is going to be a 5% tax increase through reductions in exemptions. Commissioner Hyde stated that there are a lot of ideas floating right now, some of which are not acceptable.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John is trying hard to catch up on some projects, other than transportation. However, there will be a TSP meeting today at 2:00. Discussions will be held how well the first month has gone, expenses, what to do about school children, etc. Among other projects, he is also working on the new CCMH facility.

RUTH BAKER - REQUEST TO HIRE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK:

Ruth Baker, Finance Director, came before the Board to ask permission to hire a temporary Accounts Payable clerk for at least 4 months and explained why. There are funds in her budget to cover this. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Ruth Baker to hire a temporary, part-time, accounts payment clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

CONCERT TRAFFIC & PARKING:

Commissioner Bernhard spoke with Lowell MacGregor about the traffic and parking problems that occurred at the last concert. He has assured her that those issues were looked into and steps are being taken to prevent further problems. Commissioner Hyde stated there one factor is that there were between 26,000 to 30,000 people. He feels that people should have a little more patience since CountryFest only happens once a year.

A reporter from the Spotlight stated that it is a good thing that this is being addressed now because the concert scheduled for August 24th is going to be huge and will probably attract at least 30,000 people, if not more.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d) - BARGAINING:

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

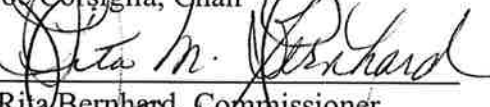
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

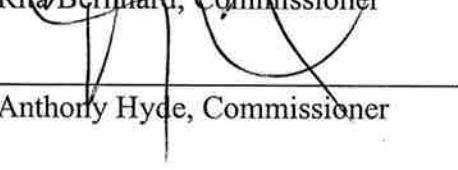
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th day of August, 2003.

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