

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 10, 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 Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2003 Board meeting; September 3, 2003 Staff meeting; and September 3, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

9/11 PROCLAMATION:

Commissioner Corsiglia read a proclamation into the record, in remembrance of September 11, 2001. He also mentioned that there will be a gathering tomorrow at Columbia Park to remember the events of 9/11.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2003-8 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

As scheduled, the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2003-8, "In the Matter of Authorizing Criminal Background Checks for County Employment Candidates Using the State Law Enforcement Data System", was held.

John Knight reviewed the ordinance and what it does. If adopted, it will give the county the ability to check criminal records through its access to the Law Enforcement Data System to ensure that candidates for hire into certain positions have a clear criminal background history.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed. John Knight gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-8 by title only. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to hold the second hearing on September 24, 2003, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

1st READING: ORDINANCE #2003-7 - GLACIER NW PAPA & ZONE CHANGE:

This was the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-7, "In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Aggregates Co. (aka Glacier NW) for a Post Acknowledgment Plan Amendment (PAPA) for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Agricultural Resource to Mineral and Aggregate Resource and Zone Change from Primary Agriculture (PA-38) to Surface Mining (SM)".

Sarah submitted a proposed final ordinance with supplemental findings and legal description. She noted one change. Sarah then gave the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2003-7, by title only. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 2003-7 for September 24, 2003, at or after 10:00 a.m. 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 9/9/03.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Award Contract for Level I Environmental Review of Crown Zellerbach Logging Road to Northern Resource Consulting, for an amount not to exceed \$2,883.70, and authorize the Chair to sign the contract.
- (C) Approve Assistance Agreement #HAA032007 with the Bureau of Land Management for Pisgah Home Road Improvements.
- (D) Accept the FTA 5309 Grant with USDOT and authorize Commissioner Hyde to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended a Kiwanis picnic in Clatskanie last night. It was a very enjoyable time.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the county picnic last weekend. It was very well attended and

a good opportunity for employees to get to know each other better. She took the left over food to the Women's Resource Center.

She also attended the celebration in Columbia City last weekend. Quite a few people attended.

There was a Blues Festival at Columbia Park on Saturday which she attended. This seems to get better every year.

On Friday, she rode along with the CRF&R in the back of the ambulance. She was very impressed with the amount of work they do. Really opened her eyes about the need for a medical facility in Columbia County which could help avoid the long transports into Portland.

The Oregon Consortium & Regional Workforce Investment Board are working with the Economic Development department to coordinate programs for workforce training, job availability, etc. They would like to complete a plan by the first of October.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended a meeting in Portland last Friday to discuss interim financing for the transfer station. The County was invited to apply for \$8+ million in financing.

On Monday, he spoke at the statewide Clerk's Association about what has been happening in Salem.

He also attended the annual County picnic last weekend and felt it was one of the best so far. However, he feels there needs to be some work on scheduling the golf tournament.

Commissioner Hyde commented on the Scappoose-Vernonia Linear Trail. A press release was sent out last week indicating that the county would be purchasing the Crown Zellerbach Road for the development of the linear trail. This sparked some concerns for the neighboring property owners. Commissioner Hyde stated that there will be some town hall meetings held to identify issues and mitigate concerns.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John Knight reported on transportation. On August 21st, the county hosted a meeting at the St. Helens school cafeteria. Carolyn Little of First Student was there to discuss transportation issues and John feels that the meeting put a lot of people at ease. John noted that many more students are being transported this year than last and things are moving along smoothly. He also noted that the bus problems that happened in the first week of school was with the school bus system, not public transportation.

There was no Executive Session held.

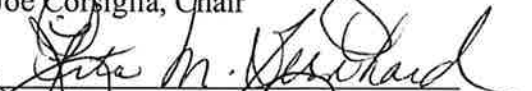
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of September, 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