

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 8, 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 October 1, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JAN KENNA:

The Board presented Jan Kenna, Director of Commission on Children & Families, a certificate of appreciation for her hard work during the legislative process to see that funding was maintained for many of the programs provided for through the Commission on Children & Families.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Peggy Crisp, Millard Road, Warren, came before the Board to give an update on Asbury Acres. She presented a wetlands delineation map that has been accepted. About half of the acreage is in wetlands. Peggy wanted to suggest that someone be appointed to represent the 4H. The Board agreed and made some suggestions.

2nd READING: ORDINANCE #2003-8 - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2003-8, "In the Matter of Authorizing Criminal Background Checks for County Employment Candidates Using the State Law Enforcement Data System".

John Knight presented the Board with an updated ordinance. He would like to send a copy of the ordinance to the State Police for their review to ensure that it is in compliance before the Board takes any action. John then went over the many changes in the ordinance, with explanation.

At this time, John would suggest that he read the entire ordinance today and that the Board hold over deliberations one week. The Board agreed. (**See County Counsel Comments**)

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 10/7/03.
- (B) Ratify the Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 2004 Certificate.
- (C) Order No. 66-2003, "In the Matter of the Cancellation of Delinquent Real and Personal Property Taxes, Interest and Penalties Pursuant to ORS 311.795".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Ratify Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Northern Resource Consulting.
- (E) Amendment #2 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (F) Amendment #3 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (G) Amendment #8 to contract between CCCCCF and Columbia Community Mental Health for "Teen and Family Transition Program".
- (H) Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between CCCCCF, Juvenile Department and Columbia County.

The motion carried unanimously.

TODD DUGDALE, LDS DIRECTOR:

On-Site Sewage Program Fees: Todd explained that the on-site program fees have not been adjusted since January 1, 1995. The State has recently completed a thorough analysis of costs for processing various program applications and is adopting new fees to reflect current costs. Last August, Todd reviewed the proposed fees with the Board at a work session. At that time, the Board directed staff to advertise the proposed fees for comments, with a deadline of October 1st. No comments have been received. Therefore, Todd would recommend approval of the proposed fee schedule. After some comments, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Order No. 67-2003, "In the Matter of Amending On-Site Sewage Program Fees". The motion carried unanimously.

Reconsideration of Fee Waiver Request: Todd presented some background on this request. On 5/7/02, the Board denied Romanna Manusos' request for a waiver of a building permit fee. The building permit application is required in order to correct an active code violation on the property. The previous owner, now deceased, built an addition to the dwelling on the site without building permits. Mrs. Manusos bought the property unaware of the illegal addition. An advocate for Mrs. Manusos contacted the Commissioners office asking for any help the Board could give her due to the financial hardship of legalizing the dwelling. The building permit is

estimated at about \$700-\$800. Over and above this building permit, Mr. Manusos will need to have an as-built plan prepared to submit with the building permit application, obtain a permit for the structure and complete any changes necessary to comply with code in order to legalize the structure. The waiver of the building permit fee would assist her in completing this process. After review, Todd would recommend approval of this waiver. If the Board does approve this request, he would ask that the fee be paid out of the Recycling/Solid Waste line item #04-4851.

John Knight feels that if the Board approves this, the same thing will be coming before the Board again and again. Further, he does not agree that the fee can come out of the Solid Waste fund and would not recommend that.

The Board expressed some concern with the issues, however, this type of situation does not come before the Board that often. Commissioner Hyde feels that the County should try to help people in these types of situations. Mrs. Manusos is still going to be putting out a lot more money to get this dwelling legalized. Commissioner Bernhard still has concerns and suggested waiving just half the amount. Commissioner Corsiglia agrees that compliance is necessary, but would like to take a week to consider this request and the issues surrounding it. The Board agreed and the matter was held over one week.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia recommended that Thelma Bonar be appointed to the Reduce Illegal Dumping committee. With no objections, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Thelma Bonar to the Reduce Illegal Dumping committee, term to expire November 1, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the CRPUD Spaghetti feed last night at the Fairgrounds. It was very well attended.

She was on vacation last week attending her husbands 45th class reunion in California.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde spent time in the dunk tank last weekend for the first annual Salmon Festival in Vernonia.

He commented on a Council of Forest Trust meeting taking place this Friday and the issues to be discussed.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John reported on the Community Transit Study meeting held last week to review the RFP. Hopefully that will be going out this week. They are looking at December 1st for the start date of

the new service. The Council of Seniors and John have tentatively reached an agreement for the purchase of the council's vehicles for \$15,000. Janet Wright is looking at a number of possible funding options for vehicle maintenance.

READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2003-8 IN FULL:

John Knight read Ordinance No. 2003-8 in its entirety. John would recommend that action on this ordinance be held over one week. The Board agreed.

There was no Executive Session held.


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

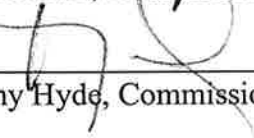
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of October, 2003.

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