

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 21, 2004

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde, and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel, Sarah Tyson, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2004 Work Session; April 14, 2004 Staff meeting; and April 14, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island, came before the Board regarding the gate on Bishop Creek Road. She received a copy of the letter sent to the Petersen's informing them that they had 30 days to remove the gate. That time has passed and they have still not removed the gate or applied for a permit. Is the County going to take any action on this? Sarah stated that the Petersen's have applied for a road vacation within the 30 day time period and, if approved, they would not need a permit. It doesn't make sense to spend county resources to remove the gate if the vacation is approved. Tammy feels the Petersen's should either take down the gate or come in and apply for a permit. Commissioner Hyde stated that, although a hearing is not required, the Board will hold a hearing on this matter to allow Tammy to be heard. At this time, no recommendation has been received from Dave Hill. Tammy will be notified of the hearing date.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT:

Phil Derby, County Sheriff and Pat Anderson, Sheriff's Office, came before the Board to discuss the Domestic Violence grant the county received. There was some confusion initially, but Phil informed the Board that the county did receive the grant and things are moving forward on it. Although it was late when the County received it, it will still be for a full 2 year period. The grant is for \$487,000 for two years. Pat talked about the various agencies that will benefit from portions of this grant. Pat stated that this grant was for 5 years initially and this is the last 2 years of it. The County is fortunate to be funded for the full 5 years, however, it is unknown if funding will continue at the end of this two year period. Because some of the agencies were present, the Board asked to hear how this grant will benefit their programs.

Amani, Child Assessment Center, stated that this came at a perfect time because it enabled the center to add to their staffing. They provide counseling for around 50-100 children.

Gina Meza, Parole & Probation Officer with the County. The grant funding helps them by being able to provide community safety. 75% of their clients would not be supervised without this grant. It allows them to be more effective.

Janice Faltersack, Victims' Assistance, stated the additional 7.5 hours a week will allow her department to help more victims.

Brandy Bonnie, Director of WRC, stated that the timing of this grant was perfect because she recently found out that she was going to lose a staff person. This grant allows her to keep that person. She wanted to note that, with her travels around the State, Columbia County is very unique. The partnership between the agencies here in Columbia County is unheard of in other counties.

Linda Hald, Office Manager, Community Corrections, explained that this funding has allowed them to fill a vacant Parole & Probation Officer which will definitely help with the work load.

The Board thanked everyone for their comments and is glad to see this grant moving forward.

PUBLIC HEARING: SURRENDER JURISDICTION PORTIONS OF GABLE & OLD PORTLAND ROADS:

The public hearing, "In the Matter of Surrendering Jurisdiction Over a Portion of Gable Road and Old Portland Road from Highway 30 to Kaster Road (18th Street) to the City of St. Helens", will need to be rescheduled. Notice will need to be posted.

PUBLIC HEARING: EXEMPT CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING FACILITY:

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract for Construction of the Columbia County Transfer Station and Recycling Facility from the Competitive Bidding Requirements of ORS 279.015(1)", was held.

Sarah presented the Board will a draft order which, if approved, would adopt finding. A few weeks ago, there was a meeting with the design crew and Bill Potter, where they discussed the best way to contract for the construction of the transfer station. They believe that the General Manager/Construction Contractor method would be the best. This is an alternative public contracting method, however the Board must hold a hearing to take comments and determine if this is in the public's best interest to exempt the contract from the public contracting rule and allow the County to go forward with the CM/CC method. Sarah reviewed the draft findings.

Bill Potter just wanted to add that the county has used the GM/CC method process a number of times, quite successfully. This will save the county a great deal of money and time.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Thelma Bonar, Warren, hasn't been too involved in this but just asked for some clarification on the process. Commissioner Hyde explained how this process works, which is still a competitive process. It just allows the county to have a General Manager/Construction Contractor to do the work. Bill Potter added that the County will still be involved in reviewing the competitive bids that come in from the sub-contractors. Thelma would like to see local companies used to build this facility. Bill stated that is part of the scoring process.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order No. 22-2004, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract for Construction of the Columbia County Transfer Station and Recycling Facility from the Competitive Bidding Requirements of ORS 279.015(1)". Under discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia stated that this is a common practice used throughout the State and is a cost saver for the county. With the vote taken, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/20/04.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #5 to Contract between CCCCCF and Community Action Team for "Healthy Start".
- (C) Amendment #2 to the Oregon Commission on Children and Families 2003-2005 County Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (D) Amendment #1 to the Agreement #MED03-05COL, Oregon Commission on Children & Families Healthy Start - Medicaid Administrative Activities 2003-2005 County Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for the purchase and dispersal of Mobile Data equipment and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Juvenile Detention Contract with Clatsop County.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the funeral for Art Laubach, a long time county resident. He was a very active man in the community and will be missed.

She attended a Rotary fund raiser held last weekend at the Elks which appeared to be very successful.

She and her family attended the fishing derby held at the Fairgrounds, which was very well attended. Her 7 year old grandson caught the only fish in his group.

She also attended a Workforce Investment Board meeting in Bend last week. They continue to deal with work force training and other issues.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was sorry to miss Art's funeral. He has known him for years and was very active in the community. He didn't know about the service until it was too late.

Last Thursday, he attended a Governor's Economic Revitalization Team meeting in Vernonia to discuss local issues and projects they are working on.

He has been working on the Trojan issue. Apparently, the visitors center is scheduled to be demolished in the next 30 days. He was out at the site last week, which was a last ditch attempt to see if there is something that can be done with that building. There has been discussion at the CEPA meetings about using the building for training purposes. However it looks like it could cost around \$1 million to bring it back to even being useful. There are some other facilities out there that could possibly be used.

Next week, he will not be here for the Board meeting. He will be attending a Oregon Forest Sustainability symposium to look at forestry issues that effect Columbia County.

Commissioner Hyde is looking forward to the SOLV cleanup on Saturday. He will be starting in Vernonia and then working in some of the other county parks.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended Art's funeral. This is a sad loss for the County. He was happy to be there to celebrate Art's achievements.

He also attended a ROCN Board meeting yesterday and glad to see they have a much more stable budget than they had a few years ago. This is a very important agency, considering the increase in meth labs.

Merle Brackenbrough submitted a petition to the Board this morning asking for help to address a blind spot on a corner that is a serious safety concern. Commissioner Corsiglia will get a hold of Dave Hill to see what could be done. He gave a copy of the petition to Sarah.

Happy Secretary's Day to all secretaries.

There was no Executive Session held.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21st day of April, 2004.

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: 

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 

Jan Greenhalgh