

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 28, 2004

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2004 Board meeting; and April 21, 2004 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/27/04.
- (B) Ratify Plat for Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.
- (C) Accept Surety Bonds for the following Fair Board members: Fredric Fetterly, Paul Connelly, Deloris Bellingham, David Thompson and Donald Courtain.
- (D) Order No. 24-2004, "In the Matter of Authorizing Fair Board Members to Enforce Certain Statutes, Administrative Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Resolutions, and Provisions Thereof".
- (E) Order No. 25-2004, (Initiating/Finalizing Vacation Proceedings), "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of Ballard County Road No. 115 and Coon Creek Road Lying Within Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Columbia County, Oregon [Weyerhaeuser Company]".
- (F) Resolution No. 26-2004, (Grant Document Resolution), "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate in the Assessment and Taxation Grant".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #14 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (H) Amendment #10 to URS Contract for Solid Waste Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a business forum in Salem sponsored by AOC. They discussed the progress made since this process started. Discussion was also held on government services, the budget crisis, combining services, and basic ways to cut costs.

She attended the City/County meeting in Rainier last night. It was very well attended. Discussion was held on economic opportunities in the county. A representative from USG was present and to talk about their company and how well they are doing. They are even looking at expanding and adding another shift. Also talked about the Port Westward development.

On Saturday, she participated in the SOLV cleanup projects. Weather was good and a lot of people helped out.

On Friday, she road along with the Electrical Inspector. They did a number of inspections throughout the county. That was very educational for her.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was attending an Oregon Forestry Symposium and was not present for the meeting.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Grant Watts auction on Saturday. He also visited the cleanup at the Historical Society in Vernonia.

He has been working on an exciting project this week with Port officials. There is a potential of locating a NASCAR track at the Meier site in Scappoose. He will be attending the Port meeting this morning to continue discussion on the details. This is not a done deal yet, but he will be continuing to work on this project. There is a tremendous amount of money involved here. The ISC (International Speedway Corporation) is worth about \$750 million. He is excited to be working on this potential opportunity.

Commissioner Corsiglia received a call this week about the possibility of another paper machine at the Wauna Mill.

Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to share an issue with the public about what took place on Monday that he is a little concerned about. The county received a public records request from Michael Sheehan. Apparently Mr. Sheehan, for some reason which Commissioner Corsiglia believes to be a witch hunt, is seeking to acquire all of his letters, memorandums, e-mails, etc. Quite frankly, he does not have a problem with that. His computer is open to the press if they wish to view anything. He has nothing to hide, he just feels this is totally political and considers it an attack. He has stepped away from voting on any decision on how the Board decides to handle this request.


There was no Executive Session held.

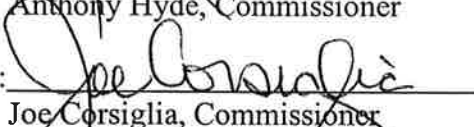
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of April, 2004.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

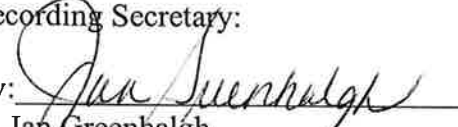
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh