

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 5, 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, 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 27, 2004 Work Session and April 28, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kathy Taylor, 34750 Bachelor Flat Road, St. Helens: She read in the Parade magazine about preserving historical items and that sun light can damage material, paper, etc. She would request that the blinds in the Courthouse museum be pulled down to help preserve these items. The Board agreed and will see that is done.

Peggy Crisp, 34571 Millard Road: Peggy spoke about a meeting held at the Parks Department yesterday to establish a wetland plan for Asbury Park. She presented minutes of that meeting to the Board. The discussion didn't go very far before it came up that we couldn't do anything out there until they get permission from the Fair Board. She is sick and tired of hearing this. She read from a letter dated May 24, 1989 from John Odenthal, Fair Board member at the time and a letter from dated December 2, 1988 from former Commissioner Sandy Dillard, where they state that Asbury Acres is to be used for public park, recreational and fair purposes. Peggy reiterated that the property was not given specifically to the Fair Board. In the deed, the Asburrys stated that "*Grantee agrees to use the property for public park, recreational or fair purposes. If the Grantee attempts to sell the property, it shall revert to Grantor or Grantor's heirs*". Peggy is asking the Board if they want a park or do they want to give it back. She is tired of fighting with the Fair Board on this issue.

Commissioner Bernhard said that the letters and deed both stated for Fair purposes also. For a number of years, the Fair has used a portion of that property during Fair time. Peggy stated that they will still be able to use it. A task force was formed to look at what to do with this property and doesn't believe the Fair Board was brought into the loop until fairly late in the process. Peggy stated that the Fair has been involved since day one. There has been a Fair Board member at all of the meeting, starting with Fred Oviatt and recently Don Courtain. Commissioner Corsiglia feels the concern is that we are going into another summer season and things need to get underway. Peggy agreed because grants are running out for the Soccer and Baseball people.

We need to move forward or forget about it. Commissioner Corsiglia agrees that some action needs to be taken to move this forward. Commissioner Hyde was at that meeting yesterday and asked for a letter from the Fair Board regarding the plans for Asbury Acres. He hasn't seen anything yet. The Board agrees that something needs to be done soon and suggested a meeting be scheduled between the Board, the Parks Commission and the Fair Board so all stakeholders are present for discussion and things can move forward on this. This meeting needs to take place rather quickly.

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 5/4/04.
- (B) Resolution No. 27-2004, "In the Matter of Approving Ordinance No. 2004-3, "The Fire Protection and Fire and Life Safety Code of the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District".
- (C) Resolution No. 28-2004, 'In the Matter of the 2004 Election to Receive O&C Land Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393".
- (D) Authorize Ruth Baker to fill the Deputy Tax Collector position in the Finance & Taxation Department.
- (E) Appoint Val Linhares to the Civil Service Commission to complete the term of Bud Harrison. Term to expire on December 31, 2007.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Approve Personal Services Contract with Columbia County Women's Resource Center to provide services for the Rural Domestic Violence Project and authorize Sheriff Phil Derby to sign on behalf of the County.
- (G) Approve Personal Services Contract with Columbia County Child Abuse Assessment Center to provide services for the Rural Domestic Violence Project and authorize Sheriff Phil Derby to sign on behalf of the County.
- (H) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners, the Columbia County Sheriff, and the Columbia County Community Corrections Department for services related to the Rural Domestic Violence Project.

- (I) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners, the Columbia County Sheriff, and the Columbia County District Attorney for services related to the Rural Domestic Violence Project.
- (J) Approve Grant Agreement #21554 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for Maintenance of Public Transit Service Vehicles, Preventative Maintenance and Painting and Logo, and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

TIMBER SALE AT CAMP WILKERSON:

Sarah Tyson and Dave Hill were present to discuss the timber sale at Camp Wilkerson. Dave Hill received a letter from Dan Green, Consultant with Woodland Management, for the timber sale. Dan received bids from various mills in the area to purchase the different species of wood that will be logged out of Camp Wilkerson. Along with the bids were purchase orders from the various mills. Dan has outlined the high bidders in his letter. If the Board agrees, they need to authorize Dan to sign the purchase orders from the high bidder.

Dave stated that RSG in Mist will be getting the majority of the timber (Douglas Fir) at \$610 per thousand board feet. Dan is still checking to see where to sell the remaining timber.

After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize Dan Green, of Woodland Management, to sign the purchase orders for all sizes and species as stated in his letter. The motion carried unanimously.

While Dave Hill was present, the Board presented him with a certificate of appreciation from 911 Communications for the work that the Road Department did during the storm.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

There were a few clean up events held last Saturday and Commissioner Bernhard worked the one in Scappoose. There was a lot of garbage collected.

She attended the Scappoose Senior Center's 34th birthday celebration which was a very nice event; the Child Abuse Assessment Center fundraiser at the Fairgrounds Saturday evening, which was very well attended; and the Toy & Joy fundraiser at the Wild Current where they had a very nice Mexican dinner.

She continues to work with the St. Helens School Planning Committee which she serves on. There have been 4 or 5 meetings so far. It's a real good group who are struggling to determine the best way for the schools to go forward in the future because of the continued growth in the area.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5th day of May, 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