

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 12, 2004

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with 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 May 5, 2004 Board meeting and May 5, 2004 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

**HEARING: SURRENDERING JURISDICTION OVER A PORTION OF GABLE ROAD
AND OLD PORTLAND ROAD, CITY OF ST. HELENS:**

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of Surrendering Jurisdiction Over a Portion of Gable Road and a Portion of Old Portland Road to the City of St. Helens", was held.

Sarah stated that the purpose of this hearing is to take testimony regarding the proposed surrendering of jurisdiction over portions of Gable and Old Portland Roads. The Board has a draft order before them with a legal description attached. The County initiated the process for surrendering jurisdiction on March 31, 2004 and authorized the Road Department to post notice of this hearing. The Board needs to determine if it is in the best interest of the county to surrender jurisdiction to the city. On April 27, 2004, the Road Department posted notice of this hearing in three public places within the limits of the City of St. Helens. Notice was also published in the Chronicle. This is related to an intergovernmental agreement the county and city entered into, in which the county agreed to bring those portions of the roads up to city standards and once completed, the city agreed to accept jurisdiction. This is the final part of the process.

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, stated that he is in support of this transfer of jurisdiction to the city. The overlay project is complete on the portions of both roads to be surrendered. He would recommend the Board proceed with surrendering jurisdiction.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After little discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded approve Order No. 21-2004, "In the Matter of Surrendering Jurisdiction Over a Portion of Gable Road and a Portion of Old Portland Road to the City of St. Helens". The motion carried.

Sarah noted that a copy of this signed order will be forwarded to the City of St. Helens and under statute will have to formally accept jurisdiction.

HEARING: WARREN WATER ASSN ZONE CHANGE & MAP AMENDMENT:

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of the Warren Water Association for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Primary Forest (PF-76) to Community Service - Utility (CS-U)", was held.

Sarah gave a brief explanation of the purpose of this zone change and map amendment. Unless the Board votes to open up the record, this hearing will be held on the record of the Planning Commission. The Board declared no ex parte contact or conflicts of interest. Sarah read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required under ORS 192.763. Sarah has prepared draft Ordinance No. 2004-4, which would require 2 separate readings, 14 days apart. Sarah entered County Counsel's hearing file into the record, marked Exhibit "1" and listed all contents. It was the Board's decision to hold this hearing on the record of the Planning Commission.

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, came before the Board to present the staff report. The Planning Commission held a hearing on April 5, 2004. There were no comments received either in support or opposition to this zone change. The Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of this map amendment and zone change.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

PROPONENTS:

Lynn Cocklin, Warren Water Association: She explained the reason for choosing this piece of property is because it is adjacent to an existing reservoir. They sited the well using a "water witcher". The water has been tested and met all the requirements of the Oregon State Health Division and Safe Drinking Water Act. At that point, they started the process to change the zoning. This well will give relief to their two existing wells by allowing the aquifer in those two wells to recharge. She noted that this well is in pasture land but with very little impact on the property. There will be a well cover, but no building. The only person going up there will be a weekly visit by their maintenance man. With that, the association would ask that the Board approve their application.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to tentatively approve Ordinance No. 2004-4 and call for the first reading. The motion carried unanimously. Sarah

then gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2004-4 by title only. The seconded reading was scheduled for May 26, 2004, at or after 10:00 a.m.

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 5/11/04.
- (B) Order No. 29-2004, 'In the Matter of Waiving Recording Fees for the Recording of an Easement in Connection with a Bridge Replacement on Point Adams Road, Clatskanie, Oregon'.
- (C) Order No. 30-2004, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property to Daryl D. Irvin and Donald L. Irvin [Tax Account No. 01-08 3224-023-01700]".
- (D) Order No. 31-2004, "In the Matter of Establishing a Special Overtime Policy for Corrections/Patrol Sergeants Working Under a Special Work Schedule Established under the Fair Labor Standards Act Section 207(k)".
- (E) Order No. 32-2004, "In the Matter of the Contract for the Operation of the Columbia County Transfer Station".
- (F) Authorize Dave Hill to sign the Change Order for installing the guardrail in connection with the Port Westward road improvements.
- (G) Approve grant application with ODOT for Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Grant.
- (H) Approve grant application with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for the Columbia County Family Resource Center grant.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Agreement with Transcor America for Housing of Inmates.

The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT:

Commissioner Hyde reviewed a memo from Ruth Baker, stating that the auditor selection committee consisting of Ruth, Sarah Tyson and Sharmel Evans, met and reviewed the responses

to the RFP to conduct the annual audit for Columbia County. They received three qualified responses. Based on the scoring procedure, the committee is recommending Merina & Company, LLP as the county auditor for 2004-2006. Based on that recommendation, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to accept the recommendation to contract with Merina & Company, LLP as the county auditor for 2004-2006. The motion carried unanimously. Sarah will prepare a contract for Board approval.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Mist Gas Well celebration on Saturday, celebrating 25 years of service and drilling of the gas wells which have been a big benefit to the county and other taxing districts. It was interesting to hear some of the history.

On Saturday evening, she attended the St. Helens Boosters fund-raising event at the Fairgrounds. It was very well attended and they raised money for high school sports.

For the last few days, Commissioner Bernhard has been working with some individuals regarding the Clatskanie Health District. They have been having some problems for some time. There have been several attempts to help them continue operations. It doesn't look like that is going to happen at this point which causes some concern. Because of the development that will be occurring in Clatskanie, there is a real need for health care in that area.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on the County's first budget committee meeting held last Thursday. After some minor changes, the budget committee approved the budget.

On Thursday night, he attended a meeting in Scappoose on the proposed NASCAR race track. Channel 2 News reported that about 80% of the attendees would like to see this move forward.

Last Friday, he attended the Clatskanie Inn's grand opening and ribbon cutting.

He also attended the Mist Gas celebration. He saw some people he hasn't seen in a long time.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia really enjoyed the NASCAR public meeting last Thursday night and the Clatskanie Inn grand opening. A real indicator of where things are going in Clatskanie.

He wanted to compliment Commissioner Hyde on his work on the budget and the smooth process this year. Things are going as good as they can, considering the funding levels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d):

This Executive Session was canceled.

INSPECTION OF TRANSIT VEHICLE:

John Knight stated that Henry Heimuller, of Metro West, was present. John asked that the Board take a few minutes to go out and look at the new logo on bus. With that, the Board recessed the meeting for a short period to go out and inspect the new logo.

The Board returned to the meeting. John stated that the local press will be in contact with Henry Heimuller to do a story on this.

John also noted that he and Henry will be going to Vernonia to talk with the Vernonia seniors about ideas for expanding service in Vernonia.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12th 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 Bernhald, Chair

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 

Jan Greenhalgh