

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 26, 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 19, 2004 Board Meeting and May 19, 2004 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-4 - WARREN WATER ASSN ZONE CHANGE:

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2004-4, "In the Matter of the Application of the Warren Water Association for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Primary Forest (PF-76) to Community Service Utility (CS-U)".

Sarah stated that, on May 12, 2004, the Board held a hearing on this matter after which the first reading was held. The second reading was then scheduled for today as required by statute. No changes have been made to the ordinance since the first reading. Sarah then gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2004-4 by title only.

With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2004-4, "In the Matter of the Application of the Warren Water Association for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Primary Forest (PF-76) to Community Service Utility (CS-U)". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Item (D) was pulled for discussion. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 5/25/04.

- (B) Order No. 33-2004, (Finalizing Vacation Proceedings), "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Bert Bishop Road [aka Bishop Creek Road] Lying Within Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, Columbia County, Oregon [Petersen Petition]".
- (C) Approve By-Laws for the "Reduce Illegal Dumping" Task Force.
- (D) Authorize Phil Derby to fill two (2) full-time Patrol Deputy positions in the Sheriff's Office. (***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***) **

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Amendment #18 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.

The motion carried unanimously.

****ITEM (D):**

The Board stated that the discussion held yesterday on this issue was to authorize Phil Derby to develop a list for the purpose of hiring 2 patrol deputies in the Sheriff's Office, not to fill the positions at this time. After some discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize Phil Derby to develop a list for the purpose of hiring 2 patrol deputies in the Sheriff's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the United Way awards banquet Friday night in Rainier. A number of awards were handed out and she picked up a number of them for county employees that earned awards.

On Monday, she attended a Community Action Team retreat where a lot of discussion was held on the housing cuts made by HUD on assistance payments. These cuts have had a major impact on some local residents. The good news is that HUD has reinstated the funding.

She attended the Transfer Station meeting the other night. It was a very informative meeting for the public. There were some citizens and neighbors that had concerns but those are being addressed. Todd Dugdale and his staff gave a very good presentation.

On Monday night, the Board met with the Fair Board and Parks Advisory Committee to discuss Asbury Acres. Commissioner Bernhard feels some good progress has been made. There are still some issues that need to be dealt with but more meetings will be taking place on some possible plans.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Regional Partnership meeting in Astoria. There was a lot of talk about clustering and how that works.

Yesterday, he was a head judge for the senior projects at the Vernonia High School. These projects are very important to the seniors because if they don't pass, they don't graduate. The group that he had was one of the best groups he has seen and he has been doing this for 14 years.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia met with ODOT representatives and the Port of St. Helens last week to talk about the potential of the NASCAR race track. He was pleased to see the enthusiasm from ODOT. They were very open towards the prospect and thought they could handle the transportation changes if necessary.

He and Commissioner Hyde attended the selection committee for the Rainier Senior Center manager last week.

On Monday, spent time most of the day in Vernonia with Bill Flood, of the Oregon Arts and Cultural Trust. They looked at projects they have developed. They were very upbeat about Vernonia.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(d)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the Human Resources Director to take actions necessary to proceed with moving County employees to the Added Choice Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

BLAHA ROAD:

Sarah briefed the Board on the Blaha Road hearing coming up next week. The purpose of the hearing is to determine how the property owners want to move forward on this and if the petition needs to be amended. As the petition stands, it is to pave the road, not chip seal it.


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


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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26th 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