

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 16, 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 June 8, 2004 Work Session; June 9, 2004 Board meeting; June 9, 2004 Staff meeting; and June 9, 2004 Budget Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Glen Mollenhour, lives in the Chapman area and has some concerns with the proposed linear trail on the Scappoose Vernonia Hwy. He asked why there hasn't been more public comments allowed on this project. This borders his property and he already has to pick up garbage. How is this trail going to be maintained.

Commissioner Hyde stated that he has been involved with this project for 8 years. There was no reason for public discussion on this until the County owned the property. Once it is purchased, public hearings will be held. He explained that the typical people who use these trails are very conscience, not the kind that litter and vandalize. He recalled the linear trail that was put in Vernonia and the concerns that were expressed by the public there. However, now that the trail is in, the people really enjoy it and no longer have those concerns. Commissioner Hyde assured Mr. Mollenhour that town hall meetings will be held before any work begins. To address one concern, there will be no motor vehicles allowed on the trail. Janet Wright is the point person on this project and any concerns should be addressed to her. One final note, Commissioner Hyde stated that most of the concerns are about things that are already existing and hopefully this will eliminate some of those problems.

Peggy Crisp, 34571 Millard Road. Peggy called the Road Dept and was told to bring this issue to the Board. There is a old small wooden bridge on Ross Road and there have been fully loaded gravel trucks and 18 wheeler trucks full of sheet rock crossing this bridge. There is a 5 ton weight limit on this bridge. The Board will have Todd Dugdale check into this.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Hyde briefly commented on Item (N), the costs and services provided. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved

and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 6/15/04.
- (B) Order No. 37-2004, "In the Matter of the Closure of a Portion of Deer Hill Road to Heavy Hauling and Limiting Maximum Weight to 25 Tons".
- (C) Resolution No. 38-2004, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Establishment of a Medical Savings Account/Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("MSA VEBA") Plan", and authorize the Human Resources Director to sign the Employer Adoption Agreement on behalf of the County.
- (D) Order No. 39-2004, "In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Aggregates Co (aka Glacier NW) for a Site Design Review to Mine the Fort James Site".
- (E) Order No. 40-2004, "In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Aggregates Co (aka Glacier NW) for an Operating Permit to Mine the Fort James Site".
- (F) Approve the request by the Fair Board to use a portion of Asbury Acres for County Fair activities.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 697, Council 75 for Health Insurance.
- (H) Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 1442, Council 75 for Health Insurance.
- (I) Memorandum of Understanding between Oregon State Office Bureau of Land Management and Columbia County, as a Cooperating Agency for Revision of Resource Management Plans and associated Environmental Impact Statements for the BLM Districts with Lands Within Columbia County.
- (J) Grant Agreement #04-213 with the Oregon Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Services Division - State Homeland Security Grant Program.
- (K) Amendment #3 to the IGA between Oregon Youth Authority and Columbia County, Contract Log #1721c and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Amended 2003-2004 MOU between the State Court Security Advisory Committee, County Sheriff and Columbia County.
- (M) 2004-2005 MOU between the State Court Security Advisory Committee, County Sheriff and Columbia County.

(N) Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for Veterans' Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Lewis & Clark bridge celebration. The bridge is almost finished and the project is finishing early and came in under budget. A lot of people are glad to see this almost complete.

She also attended the Women's Resource Center fundraiser at the Fairgrounds. There were a number of events going on and it was very well attended. Looks like it was a great success.

There will be a meeting with Portland Community College at the Tech Center on Monday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on PCC's plan to withdraw GED classes from Columbia County. This is a big concern for us and something needs to be done to keep those services available here.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia continues to work on the NASCAR project with the Port of St. Helens. They are hearing a lot of encouragement for this project.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Meadows Best Western to attend a Builders Roundtable meeting.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting back to order.

NW OREGON REGIONAL HOUSING LOAN FUND:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to renew their commitment to the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Loan Fund and confirm interest in collaborating with the City of Vernonia as a "joint applicant" in the Vernonia Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILDER ROUNDTABLE:

The Board met with Land Development Services staff and local builders for a roundtable discussion.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16th day of June, 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