

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 23, 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 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 June 16, 2004 Board meeting; June 16, 2004 Staff meeting; and June 16, 2004 Budget Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island and Thelma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren:*** Thelma wanted to address some issues with the county budget.

- There is \$2,000 in the Road Vacation fund and asked why this isn't going into the Road fund. John Knight explained that this goes towards paying the costs of courthouse staff time but agreed that the Road Department also does work on the road vacation.
- The budget format is not very user friendly. Commissioner Bernhard said this was discussed at the Vernonia budget hearing. This is a standard format and was done to cut down on the size of the document. Thelma feels an index would be helpful.
- There is money to Rainier for the Rainier project of \$100,000 on page 23. Why is the county still paying on USG.
- The county just received \$1 million for Port Westward - yet there is still money being budgeted for this project (page 23) - how much is this project costing.
- Thelma has a problem with the dues being paid to the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). She feels this is kind of a union and is a waste of money. Tammy also feels the dues paid to AOC is not doing any good for the county and is a waste of county dollars. Commissioner Bernhard explained that AOC is a resource for counties - they do research, help with reductions in health insurance, the lobby for the counties, deals with legislative issues, etc. They are a tremendous benefit for the county. John has been involved with AOC for years and feels it is a great benefit to counties. They have experts that are very knowledgeable on issues that effects us. We could easily lose millions without their expertise.

- Personal costs are not broken out in the budget and should be. She understands there is a breakdown available in the Finance department but it costs \$3.00.

Second Issue:

Thelma and Tammy intend to try again for an initiative to help our county roads. Thelma said the Surface Mining Ordinance was changed to say that any materials coming in or going out of the County needs to be charged a depletion fee. This means that USG and Boise Cascade should also be charged this fee, not just the surface miners. And this should be back to 1996 when the amendments were made. Tammy feels that is not fair to the miners. She asked why this hasn't been collected and who's responsibility was that? John explained the intent of that amendment. There was a competitive disadvantage for miners in the County because they had to pay a depletion fee and miners from out of the county didn't have to. The ordinance was amended to make it more fair. John did not feel the intent was to apply this to other companies. Tammy and Thelma feel that something needs to be done to correct this. Everyone should be treated fairly. The Board agreed that this should be reviewed.

***Elizabeth Wallace, 364 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., St. Helens:*** Ms. Wallace would like to reserve 15 minutes at the next Board meeting to discuss the condition of the prisons and her concerns with the District Attorney's office.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Corsiglia asked that Item (D) be held over. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 6/22/04.
- (B) Order No. 41-2004, "In the Matter of Awarding the CM/GC Contract for the New Columbia County Transfer Station to J.E. Dunn".
- (C) Order No. 42-2004, "In the Matter of Amending the Fee Schedule for the Services Provided by the Community Corrections Department".
- (D) Approve request to waive parking fees at Prescott Beach Park for County Picnic.  
***PULLED AND HELD OVER ONE WEEK.***
- (E) Approve Public Event Permit for 2004 Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic on July 17-18, 2004.
- (F) Approve amendment to the request by the City of St. Helens to use 7 parking spaces in the lower Courthouse parking lot from July 6, 2004 through August 6, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR CCCF:**

Jan Kenna briefly reviewed this plan update with the Board. Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update for the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families. The motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT #2 TO URS AGREEMENT:**

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Amendment #2 to the agreement with URS for architectural services for the transfer station. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH ADOLFSON ASSOCIATES:**

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with Adolfson & Associates for environmental consulting services. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM (D):**

Jean understands this item was pulled from the consent agenda. She asked if there was a concern she could address. Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to look at this and make sure that the county isn't doing something ethically wrong. John will call Pat Hearn at GSPC to check and report back to the Board.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Community Action Team meeting at the PUD office that involved members from all of the senior centers in the county. CAT has been notified that they will be providing the AAA services. Discussion was held on how services will be provided and to coordinate efforts with all the centers.

She attended the River City Days held on Saturday and the parade. Both were well attended.

The Board received a report from two Park Committee members yesterday at the work session who reported on the meeting held on Asbury Acres. There was a unanimous consensus on a plan and the Board should be receiving something soon in writing. She is pleased to see things moving along on this.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia had a great time at River City Days last weekend. It was excellent weather and a big turnout.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d) - BARGAINING:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23<sup>rd</sup> 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