

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 30, 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 June 22, 2004 Work Session; and June 23, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

RECOGNITION AWARDS:

Mary Brown, NW Regional ESD Columbia Center Manager, formally presented a plaque to Jan Kenna and the Commission on Children & Families to recognize their partnership and contribution in the dedication for quality education for all Oregon students.

The Board recognized the Columbia Health District Public Health for their Immunization Program and their significant contributions towards immunization awareness. A plaque was accepted by Paula Becks.

BETH WALLACE - ISSUES WITH JUSTICE SYSTEM:

Beth Wallace called to cancel her appearance and will reschedule for a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 6/29/04.
- (B) Ratify Commissioner Bernhard's signature on Letter of Intent/Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County for ORCATS Assessment and Taxation System.

- (C) Order No. 43-2004, "In the Matter of Adopting Findings and Conclusions in Support of the Formation of a new Health District".
- (D) Resolution No. 44-2004, "In the Matter of Authorizing a Loan of Funds from the General Fund to the Animal Control Fund".
- (E) Resolution No. 45-2004, "In the Matter of Authorizing a Loan of Funds from the General Fund to the Fair Fund".
- (F) Resolution No. 46-2004, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes".
- (G) Resolution No. 47-2004, "In the Matter of Transferring Appropriations within the Various Funds of the 2003-2004 Columbia County Budget".
- (H) Order No. 48-2004, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds Under ORS 275.275 [June 2004 Distribution]".
- (I) Order No. 49-2004, "In the Matter of the Distribution of Forest Trust Land Revenues [June 2004 Distribution]".
- (J) Order No. 50-2004, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [June 2004 Distribution]".
- (K) Order No. 51-2004, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [June 2004 Distribution]".
- (L) Order No. 52-2004, "In the Matter of Awarding a Contract for Plan Review and Inspection Services to Winstead and Associates".
- (M) Grant Application with ODOT, Public Transit for FTA Section 5311 Operating Funds.
- (N) Approval of a grant from the US Forest Service in the amount of \$41,000 for the Lewis & Clark Plaza renovations.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (O) Amendment #1 to the Contract between CCCCCF and the Columbia Health District for "Court Appointed Special Advocates".
- (P) Amendment #6 to the Contract between CCCCCF and Community Action Team for "Healthy Start".

- (Q) Amendment #1 to the Contract between CCCCCF and Community Action Team for "Vernonia After School Consortium".
- (R) Amendment #1 to the Contract between CCCCCF and Community Action Team for "Scappoose Kid Care".
- (S) Amendment #1 to the Contract between CCCCCF and Columbia Community Mental Health for "Mental Health Skills Trainer".
- (T) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Parametrix, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASBURY ACRES:

Dave Hill, Bill Eagle and Carole Smith came before the Board to discuss Asbury Acres. As the Board is aware, a meeting was held last week where a layout plan was unanimously approved by all in attendance. Present at that meeting were representatives from 4-H, Fair, Soccer, Little League, LDS, and the Asbury Acres Task Force. Everyone came out pleased. Bill reviewed the layout of the area. Dave presented a letter from the Parks Advisory Committee requesting authorization to proceed with the permitting process and development. Dave spoke with Mrs. Asbury and she is very happy with this plan. After some discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Asbury Acres plan as presented and authorized staff to move forward. The motion carried unanimously. The Board wanted to thank everyone who worked on this plan.

Commissioner Hyde met yesterday with the Director of Oregon State Parks. There could be some money made available tomorrow and Commissioner Hyde is confident that the County can get some of that money for Asbury Acres in 60 days. He wants to see a stellar application submitted and a full presentation made. Bill noted that they will be asking RC&D to help with the wetlands mitigation plan.

INTERIM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COVERAGE:

Commissioner Hyde explained that his meeting yesterday with OEM was canceled. In the meantime, John Clouse's last day is today and an interim needs to be appointed. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Janet Wright as the interim Emergency Management Director. The motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF PORTLAND & WASHINGTON COUNTY:

John Knight reviewed the agreement. The draft before the Board now is the one he sent back to the City of Portland for their review. He has not heard back yet. John doesn't have a lot of information about this and some issues need to be clarified. The matter was held over.

INSURANCE PROPOSALS:

Joe Schultz, Pieper-Ramsdell Insurance, approached the Board to discuss insurance proposals. As for workers compensation insurance - Joe and Jean Ripa would recommend remaining with SAIF. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the recommendation to select SAIF for Workers' Compensation Insurance and pay on a quarterly basis. The motion carried unanimously.

Property & Liability. Both Argonaut and City/County are very close in rates. Joe reviewed the pros and cons for both. The Board has reviewed both proposals and with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to select City/County Insurance Services for Property and Liability Insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe noted that City/County will be sending a resolution for Board adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2004 - APPOINT WILLIAM BOYSEN:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Resolution No. 53-2004, "In the Matter of Appointing William L. Boysen as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, for the Clatskanie-Vernonia Justice Court". The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2004 - LOAN TO PASS THRU FUND:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Resolution No. 54-2004, "In the Matter of Authorizing a Loan of Funds from the General Fund to the Pass-Through Fund". The motion carried unanimously.

2004-2005 MARINE SERVICES CONTRACT:

John Knight explained that this is the standard annual contract with the State Marine Board to provide law enforcement services on the river. There is an emphasis this year on maximizing patrol coverage and that deputies will be aggressively enforcing boating under the influence regulations. The State will be providing \$166,188 and the county's match is \$56,370. John would recommend approval. Commissioner Hyde commented on the past criticism of overly aggressive deputies on the water. It is important to note that there are specific requirements regarding "boating under the influence" in the contract. He suggested that a press release be done to give the public fair warning that the deputies will be enforcing this. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the 2004-2005 Marine Services Contract with the State Marine Board. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Clatskanie Heritage Days and car show over the weekend. It was one of the biggest turnouts in years.

She also attended a PCC meeting at the Tech Center and met the new president of PCC. The meeting went very well and everyone seemed to recognize that PCC is going to try to improve services in Columbia County. The GED classes have been reinstated here, which is critical to this county. PCC is aware that Columbia County pays taxes for this school and there should be some benefit locally.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde went to the reception put on by PCC to introduce the new president to the community. He had a good conversation with him about potential options to benefit the county. One major accomplishment was to get our designated campus moved from Cascade to Rock Creek. That was done with the idea of ultimately having a fixed route transportation system to Rock Creek. Commissioner Hyde feels that PCC should be held accountable for some of those transportation costs and believes they may be willing to do that.

Commissioner Hyde reported on a meeting he attended last Wednesday lunch meeting with Marty Brantly, Director of Oregon Economic Community Development to discuss economic issues in our region. A lot of discussion was centered on the Division of State Lands because they are not being very pro-active on economic development.

On Friday, he was invited to the ground breaking of Hares Canyon State Park. This is the first new full service state park in 32 years and is some 1750 acres. The park should be open and running by this time next year.

Monday, he met with ODOT in Vernonia about a problem with a stretch of road on the linear trail. The original work on this was pulled because of funding short falls, but with over 90,000 people using that trail last year, it is important that this be addressed. The Regional Director is aware of this problem and has the money set aside to move forward on this project.

Yesterday, he met with the Director of State Parks to discuss the continuation of the linear trail and Trojan.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

No comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h) - LITIGATION:

The Executive Session as rescheduled to next week.


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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th 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


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Rita Bernhard, Chair

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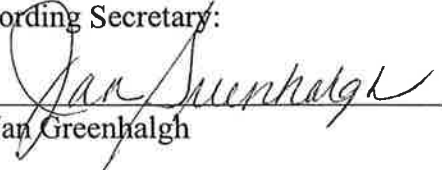

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:


Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By:


Jan Greenhalgh