

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 14, 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 Hyde was not present.

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 July 7, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island:*** Ms. Maygra stated that she had a number of issues she wanted to discuss with the Board. Commissioner Bernhard reminded her that visitor comments are limited to 5 minutes and if she had specific items that are lengthy, she welcomed her to schedule those on a regular agenda. Tammy then addressed her issues. First, she asked if any action has been taken on the collection of back depletion fees from Boise, USG, and other companies that is owed to the County? John doesn't believe the ordinance requires that. Tammy stated that Commissioner Bernhard and Betsy Johnson previously stated that it could effect Boise Cascade and others. The County is constantly talking about shortfalls. If this does apply to them, then the money should be collected.

Another issue is the hospital. She believes that Commissioner Bernhard and Commissioner Hyde did not take the proper time to go through the information that was submitted by Thelma Bonar. The Board went ahead and allowed the hospital initiative to be on the ballot. If these people feel that strongly about the hospital then they should have collected signatures like everyone else to get it on the ballot. She knows that Commissioner Corsiglia was not present at that meeting and it should have been tabled until all three Commissioners had read the information, discussed it and then made a decision. The permanent \$.38 per thousand for the hospital is unfair because it only involves a certain district. If this is going to be a county hospital and it passes, then it should be a county wide vote and everyone in the county should be assessed. That would also make it a lot less costly for everyone. She wonders if Commissioner Hyde would have been so agreeable to this \$.38 per thousand if it effected him and the people in Vernonia. She thinks not. There are already too many special taxing districts. She is looking out for the taxpayers and she doesn't think this is fair. The same people that are trying to run this hospital are the same people that lost the other hospital. She doesn't think any of these people have any experience in running a hospital.

Moving on, she wanted to address Commissioner Bernhard about a Fair Board meeting. She asked if it was true that Commissioner Bernhard does not want people to go to the Fair to collect signatures on political views. Commissioner Bernhard stated that she had nothing to do with that what so ever. It was not her that brought that up. Although John Knight was at that meeting, she did not ask him to be there. He was there because of a request from another individual in the community. John explained that Mike Sheehan wanted to do something at the fair, he did not say what, and did not want to have to buy a booth to do it. The Fair policy requires that a booth be purchased if someone is going to distribute literature or collect signatures. Tammy feels that this is a violation of freedom of speech. The people have the right to voice their political view at the fair. People pay taxes for the fairgrounds and it is public property. John stated that this is a policy of the Fair Board and the Commissioners do not have any control over that. John is working with the Fair Board on their policy and he suggested that Tammy contact the Fair Board about this issue.

One last comment on the hospital issue. The County requires the Fair Board members be bonded but the people running the hospital are not bonded. She feels that they should be. John explained that no one is running the hospital until a Board is elected. The newspapers will announce that there are openings on the new Board if a district is created. That will be done by a public election. Also, the Commissioners have nothing to do with requiring bonding for those people. In the case of the Fair Board, the statute requires they are bonded.

Commissioner Corsiglia suggested that Tammy outline the clauses in the Depletion Fee Ordinance that she feels point to areas of her concern and present her facts to the Board. As for the Fair Board issues, John is looking into that, although this Board has very little control over the Fair Board, such as appointing its members and control their budget to some extent. They have their own section of the ORS that guides them. Regarding the hospital, he also shares concerns with some unanswered questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 7/13/04.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Rockwood Subdivision.
- (C) Resolution No. 56-2004, "In the Matter of Initiating Proceedings to Cause Improvements to be Made to Blaha Road".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (D) Amendment #19 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.

- (E) Amendment #21 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (F) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Data Terminals and authorize the Chair to sign. **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
- (G) Approve the Extension of the Contract with Oregon Corrections Enterprises.
- (H) Amendment No. 1 to Oil and Gas Lease Covering Columbia County Parcel No. 649.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM (F) - IGA WITH CITY OF ST. HELENS:**

John Knight reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens. He would recommend a modification to Section 10 regarding the county's liability. With that addition, he would recommend approval. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the IGA with the City of St. Helens, with the additional language as proposed by County Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY HARDSHIP RENEWAL - GRACE FELDMAN:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to present a request by Grace Feldman for a waiver of the \$200 renewal fee for her Temporary Hardship permit. Staff has no recommendation on this and will leave it up to the Board for consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to allow a one year extension of the Temporary Hardship permit and waive the \$200 renewal fee. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard spent a lot of time in Rainier over the weekend for their Rainier Day celebration. There was a big turn out and it seemed to be larger than usual.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended the Rainier Days last weekend. He enjoys Rainier in the summertime with all the events going on. He is somewhat disheartened that Scappoose and St. Helens aren't able to put together the kind of events he sees in Rainier and Clatskanie.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 M. Bernhard  
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: Not Present  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: Joe Corsiglia  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: Jan Greenhalgh  
Jan Greenhalgh