

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 21, 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.

PROCLAMATION "CHINA FRIENDSHIP DAY":

Lynn Chiotti came before the Board along with many visiting students from Sichuan Province in the Peoples Republic of China. The Board welcomed the students and Commissioner Bernhard read a proclamation into the record, proclaiming July 21, 2004 as "China Friendship Day".

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2004 Work Session and July 14, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Peggy Crisp came before the Board and asked about the previous discussion by the Board about waiving the parking fee at the Prescott Beach Park for the County employee picnic. John Knight has contacted Patrick Hearn at the Government Standards and Practices Commission and he was of the opinion that there was no problem with it. John's recommendation to the Board is to waive the fees for everyone that day, not just for county employees. Peggy stated that the parks are hurting and the employees should pay the \$2 fee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 7/20/04.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Kingsbrook Estates Phase 2.
- (C) Order No. 57-2004, "In the Matter of Adopting a Needs and Issues Inventory for Columbia County"
- (D) Order No. 59-2004, "In the Matter of Appointing the Land Development Services Director as the Administrator of the Columbia County Natural Resources Depletion Fee Ordinance, Authorizing the Land Development Services Director

and Code Enforcement Officer to Enforce the Columbia County Natural Resources Depletion Fee Ordinance, and Appointing DOGAMI as the Administrator of the Columbia County Surface Mining Ordinance."

- (E) Approve 2 additional floaters for eligible non-union employees in lieu of COLA wage increase for fiscal year 2004-05.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Approve Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME, Local 1442.

The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR INTERPRETIVE PLAN - LEWIS & CLARK:

Commissioner Corsiglia asked Janet Wright to explain where this money is coming from and who will be administering the grant. Janet stated that the money is coming from the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Organization and will be used as part of the match for a \$41,000 US Forest Service grant for a Lewis & Clark project in the Courthouse plaza. The money will be used for an interpretive plan. The County will be administering the grant. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the grant application for \$3,000 from the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Organization to complete the interpretive plan for the Plaza Discovery Project. The motion carried unanimously.

TAMMY MAYGRA - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Tammy Maygra, Deer Island, presented some information to the Board on the depletion fee ordinance and read sections explaining what natural resources consist of. She asked why the county has not collected these fees from other companies, i.e. Boise Cascade, USG, etc.. Commissioner Hyde answered that that is not the intent of the ordinance and staff is in the process of preparing a clarification statement. Tammy feels if the depletion fee was voted on by the citizens and that any amendments to the ordinance should go back to the people to vote on. John explained the intent of the ordinance. Commissioner Corsiglia agrees there are some flaws in the ordinance and again, staff is working on clarification of the intent.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard commented that the Fair is going on this week and the Board will be going out there at noon. She encouraged everyone to attend.

She was in Pendleton last Thursday and Friday for the Workforce Investment Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended a National Schools Coalition meeting last week regarding O&C monies and the reauthorization of PL-106. This brings a lot of money into Columbia County. This funding sunsets in 2006 and we need to make sure this is reauthorized.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia met last week with the Cultural Trust committee and completed the plan which will be back before the Board for acceptance. He is pleased with the response and participation on the project.

He spent the weekend out at the Natal Grange doing some work on the building. It was nice to spend time in a peaceful part of the county.


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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21st 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 Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh