

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES
August 4, 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 at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d):

The Board immediately 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.

The Board then moved into the regular session at 10:15 a.m. 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 July 27, 2004 Work Session and July 28, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kathleen Worman, Warren: Kathleen wanted to talk about a discussion she had with an ODOT Inspector regarding the paving project on Hwy 30. You can't get around it. It appears that ODOT subcontracted this work out to Baker Rock and they can start and stop the paving work without regards to blocking other roads. There should be a road left open to allow people to get around this road work. She asked if there was anything the Commissioners could do.

Commissioner Bernhard suggested that Aaron Clodfelter check with Baker Rock to see if anything could be done. Aaron explained that many of the side roads are not made for this amount of traffic and it may be a problem re-routing the traffic, however, he will check with Baker Rock.

Stephanie Peairs, St. Helens: She has been informed that the sewer system at the Fairgrounds has failed. Is that correct? Commissioner Bernhard stated that there have been problems in the past with it, but she hasn't heard that it has failed. Todd Dugdale stated that the sewer system at the Fair is an aging system but he hasn't heard that it failed. Commissioner Corsiglia suggested that Stephanie contact the Fair Board about this. If there are problems, they would need to address it. Stephanie asked that if the system needs to be replaced, would the money come out of the Fair budget or the County budget. Commissioner Hyde explained that any Fairground maintenance and repairs would come out of the Fair budget.

Stephanie also asked if the County has any plans in the next year to annex the Fair property into the City of St. Helens. The Board explained that that issue has not even come up for discussion and no plan for that is in the works.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Items (D) and (E) were pulled for discussion. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 8/3/04.
- (B) Approve a Public Event Permit for the MS 150 Bike Tour.
- (C) Order No. 63-2004, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [June 2004 Distribution]".
- (D) Approve Waiving the Parking Fees at Prescott Beach Park for County Employee Picnic on September 11, 2004, from 10 am to 5 pm. ***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - SEE BELOW***
- (E) Approval of Appeal of Access Permit Deposit Forfeitures letters. ***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - SEE BELOW***
- (F) Appoint Anneatta Hamlik, Larry Wallace and Cynthia Zemaitis to the Rainier-Fernhill CPAC.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Approve the Contract for Apiary Road Overlay 2004 With Lakeside Industries.
- (H) Amendment #22 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (D):

Commissioner Hyde discussed the waiver of parking fees at Prescott Beach Park for the county picnic. He noted that the fees are waived for everyone on that day, not just county employees. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the waiver of parking fees at Prescott Beach Park on September 11, 2004 from 10 am to 5 am. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (E):

Sarah wanted to clarify the names on each appeal form and read each name into the record as follows: Joe Ferree, Delburt Powell, Janice Dilley & Tim Fowler, Daniel Javorsky, Robert and Keri Peabody, Sloan Nelson, Frank Hobizal, Dan Titus, and Greg Watkins. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Appeal of Access Permit Deposit Forfeitures letters to all persons as read by Sarah Tyson. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO ST. HELENS CPAC:

Todd asked if the Board would appoint Georgia Keiper to the St. Helens CPAC. With that recommendation, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Georgia Keiper to the St. Helens CPAC, to represent the Columbia Heights neighborhood, term to expire on 2/28/06. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a United Way retreat over the weekend.

She also attended Evelyn Hudson's retirement party at the Fairground on Saturday. The Board presented her with a plaque the opening day of the Fair.

Commissioner Bernhard mentioned that she will be home most of this week due to injury to her leg.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented that the County said good-bye to Michael Hoffman, who was working as an intern in the Parks Department. He did a lot of good work for the County Parks system and he will be missed.

Commissioner Hyde toured the Morse Bros. pit at Reichold last week. They are constructing a tunnel under the highway to move the aggregate.

On Friday, he attended a COLPAC meeting in Astoria.

On Saturday, he set up the logging show in Vernonia and then attended Evelyn's retirement party. He also attended Michael Sykes going away party, who is leaving his position as the Administrator for the City of Vernonia, to take a job in Forest Grove.

He reported on the CEPA meeting he attended yesterday.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended the tour out at the Morse Bros. site and wanted to comment on the work everyone has done on this as a team.

He spent most of the weekend at the high school track as the DJ for the Walk for Life benefit for the American Cancer Society. Over \$34,000 was raised which was very impressive for this type of event.

On Monday, he spent time with the Clatskanie Arts Commission.

While Aaron was in attendance, Commissioner Corsiglia asked for an update on the slide area on Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy. Aaron stated that all that can be done at this point is fix the bumps and they will be shaved again soon. The cost to fix this will be over \$1 million and funds are just not available at this time.

Commissioner Corsiglia noted that, last week, the Board voted unanimously, along with Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington, to appoint Deborah Boone as the District 32 Representative to replace Elaine Hopson who had previously resigned.

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

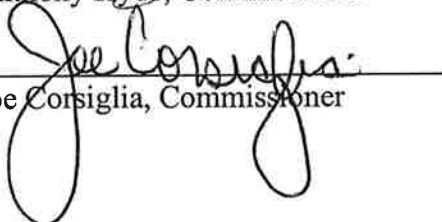
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 4th day of August, 2004.

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