

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 13, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting 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 October 6, 2004 Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**DAVE JOHNSON, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Johnson came before the Board to give a quarterly update on various Forestry programs. Fred Stallard, Assistant District Manager for the Forest District was also present and gave the Board a handout. Mr. Stallard indicated that, by Spring of 2005, they would have the Harvest & Habitat Model Project put together to show what the out-puts should be so they can continue to harvest in a sustainable manner and reach all obligations they need to reach. The Counties' representatives are also on the core team to represent the Counties' interests. Mr. Stallard led the Board through the written update plan.

Dave Johnson discussed the revenue picture. Columbia County's timberlands translates to one timber sale about every two years. Mr. Johnson believes the graph given to the Board is a good representation of projections for the County.

**DONNA TEWKSBURY, DIRECTOR, COLUMBIA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH:**

Donna Tewksbury wanted to provide some information with regard to Amendment #30 to the 2003 - 2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001. This amendment is the result of some hard work that has taken place over the last year or so. The graph shows that Columbia County was the only County receiving zero funds for Adult Outpatient Services, and less money than others for the other areas. The State has not been distributing funds equitably. The County worked with Washington County to get a bill going for equity, but it was squashed by Clackamas County. Now, that has been changed with the new administrator of the Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services, resulting in a \$444,458 per biennium increase in funds to the County. Some of the increase has already been received, and Amendment No. 30 will give them the rest. Donna wants to thank the Board and especially John Knight for all their support.

This increase is for this year. Donna can't say what will happen next year, but she hopes with the change in administration Columbia County will be treated equitably.

The Board agrees that they should send a letter of appreciation to Bob Nikkel, and Donna agreed to draft something and get it to the Board.

Donna also handed John Knight the signed J.E. Dunn contract and she extended thanks to John for all his work on this.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Under discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to provide an explanation behind Item (G), and indicated that this grant will help identify the route to take in setting up the Trust and by-laws. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 10/12/04.
- (B) Approve Minor Partition Plat (MIP 3-04) for Equity Residential Group.
- (C) Ratify Order No. 74-2004, "In the Matter of Waiving Recording Fees for the Recording of Tax Foreclosure Deeds".
- (D) Approve Order No. 75 - 2004, "In the Matter of Exempting the Purchase of a Used Asphalt Paving Machine by the Road Department from Competitive Bidding and Awarding the Contract to Special Asphalt Products".
- (E) Authorize Jim Stewart to fill one Parole & Probation Officer position.
- (F) Approve Amended 2004 Liquor License for the Barnstormer Inn.
- (G) Approve Oregon Cultural Trust application for FY2005 Cultural Participation Grant Program in the amount of \$4,368.00.
- (H) Approve FY 2005 Special Transportation Fund Formula Application in the amount of \$87,494.
- (I) Ratify Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Application Form in the amount of \$3,342.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (J) Amendment #30 to the County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard indicated that she thoroughly enjoyed the Port Westward ground-breaking for the PGE Plant, and compliments all the speakers. The local citizens are happy about this new development.

She also attended the Government's Harvest Dinner the other night. She doesn't know how much money was raised, but feels it was quit a lot. One of the businesses in town, Insurance Services Northwest had their opening in their new facilities, and it was a nice gathering.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde echoed the pleasure that everyone experienced in the ground-breaking by PGE, and hopes that they'll be another soon.

On Monday, he was invited to a lunch meeting with Under Secretary of the Interior Mark Ray. They spent a couple of hours discussing the re-authorization of PL106-232, which expires in 2006 and would cost us \$2.2 million dollars annually if not re-authorized. He encouraged everyone to participate in supporting this bill.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia also echoed the fun they all had together last week. He also attended a meeting with Senator Smith, the Governor and a host of other individuals comprising the meth task force. Diane and Ray Pohl were also invited. They have been working on this issue in Clatskanie, and are in hopes that there will now be a funding stream. There were a number of people who are willing to come out and help in Columbia County, even through they don't reside here. Corsiglia hopes to start with the Clatskanie coalition and build from there.

*The Board recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Corsiglia, and Commissioner Hyde. .*

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting back to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(I) - EVALUATIONS:**

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

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting back to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(a) - EMPLOYMENT:**

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(a). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Hyde moved to authorize the Human Resources Director to move forward with negotiating an offer of employment with the top candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. Commissioner Corsiglia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

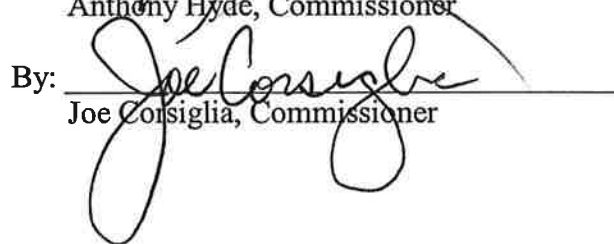
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

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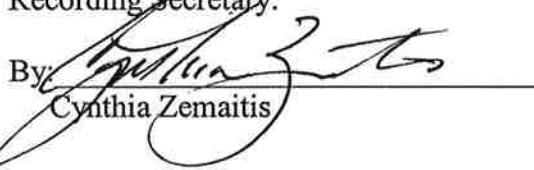
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:   
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By:   
Cynthia Zemaitis