

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES
October 27, 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 October 20, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

JIM TIERNEY, CAT: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT:

Jim Tierney, Community Action Team, came before the Board along with Jim Stewart, regarding the Transitional Housing Project that Community Corrections would operate at the Jail site. The State is requesting a resolution from the governing body, the County, stating that they take responsibility for this project. They want some assurance that this will continue to be used for transitional housing. Jim explained that there are also some changes that need to be made to the Project Use Agreement. Commissioner Corsiglia asked if the parking plans have been approved by the city. Jim Tierney explained that that has not been finalized by the city, but he has been working with Skip Baker and does not foresee any problems. Commissioner Hyde expressed some concerns with agreeing to operate this program for 30 years, when the funds may not be available to do so. Jim Tierney stated that if the Board is not committed to going forward with this, the funding and project will go away. The approved agreement must be to the State by November 1st. Jim feels that the Board may have more funding information by January, and if no funds for this project have been drawn on, it may be possible to withdraw the agreement.

John Knight reviewed the legalities of the Project Use Agreement and the Resolution. He gave his opinion on how the Board could move forward on this. John suggested he contact the State regarding the agreement and some of the changes that need to be made to address county concerns.

After discussion, the Board stated they are in favor of moving forward with this project, but action was held over to allow John time to contact the State.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

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 Select-to-Pay for 10/26/04.
- (B) Appoint Chris Thompson to the Surface Mining Advisory Committee to complete the term of Voris Probst.
- (C) Amended Order No. 77-2004, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property to Columbia County Self-Help, Inc. [Tax Account Nos. 02-01-2-4104-024-08300 and 02-01-2-4104-024-08400]".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) ODOT Grant Agreement #22101 for FTA Section 5311, Small city and Rural Program.
- (E) Special Transportation Program Grant Agreement #21734 with ODOT for Operations.
- (F) Rental Agreement between Parks Department and Paul S. Wenrich for Camp Wilkerson Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

ACCESS APPROACH PERMITS:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director and Roger Kadel, Road Department, came before the Board to address 2 access approach permits. Roger began with Mr. Hendrickson's appeal form. It was filed late because he was out of town. The work has been completed, however, his deposit has already been transferred to the Road Department because the County did not receive a response. Roger spoke with Commissioner Bernhard on this to see if the Board wanted to consider his request for a refund of his permit deposit.

Commissioner Bernhard feels this whole process has been difficult and the County's intent was to see these projects completed. There needs to be room for consideration for certain circumstances. After discussion, the Board feels this is justified and with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to refund the \$400 access approach deposit to Alvin Hendrickson. The motion carried unanimously.

The second is for Mr. Upton. Roger gave the background on this request. The Upton's were not sent a letter because Mr. Luttrell obtained the \$50 permit, however, the Upton's paid the actual

deposit once they purchased the property. Mr. Upton is requesting an extension of time to complete the work, at least until spring. Roger feels the County followed procedure and would not recommend refunding the deposit. Commissioner Bernhard feels, again, that the purpose was to get these driveways paved. She would agree with refunding the deposit and grant an extension. Dave feels that it is not a big issue to grant an extension and, if the work gets done, refund the deposit. Sarah questioned why Mr. Luttrell wouldn't get the deposit. Roger explained that the Luttrell's paid the \$50 fee, but the Upton's paid the \$500 deposit. The Board felt that staff should do some research on this to determine, in fact, who should be refunded the deposit.

REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER FOR PARKS DEPT:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, reviewed his memo to the Board regarding this matter. He explained that the maintenance workers are maxing out their allowable hours and will need to be let go. He is requesting that he be allowed to hire one permanent part-time maintenance worker. Dave reviewed the budgetary issues. John noted that the word "permanent" is no longer used. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize Dave Hill to fill a .6 FTE Parks Maintenance I position. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard received a request from the County Clerk this morning to remind employees not to park in front of the building for the next week to allow parking for people dropping off their ballots and paying taxes. Commissioner Bernhard will send out an e-mail to the employees.

Commissioner Bernhard received a thank you note from the Commission on Children & Families to Rocky Johnson, CAT, for his work in ensuring that their resource books were ready for distribution for Family Week. The Board will forward this to Rocky.

The Board received a memo from Todd Dugdale with attached comments from the public commending LDS staff. It's nice to hear good things about our employees.

The Board attended an ODOT Commission meeting last week in Clatskanie.

Commissioner Bernhard attended a State PUD gathering at Michael Curry's place to celebrate Power Week.

Commissioner Bernhard spoke at the Scappoose High School Civic's class yesterday. She was really impressed with the students knowledge about politics.

She attended an ACT meeting last week where they are continuing to work on the bylaws and charter.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the annual RC&D dinner the Board attended.

The County now has a new Emergency Management Director who came on board this week.

Commissioner Hyde attended a meeting with Department of Forestry and DEQ where a lot of discussion was held on Measure 34 .

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

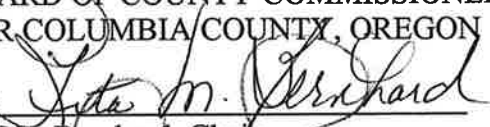
Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Mist-Birkenfeld fund raiser for the Mist school. Best pie in the county.

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

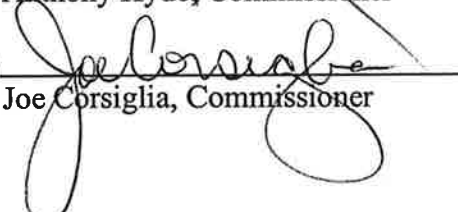
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of October, 2004.

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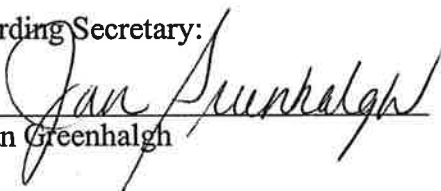
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh