

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES  
December 29, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Secretary. Commissioner Anthony Hyde was absent.

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 December 22, 2004 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Todd Dugdale requested that Item (D) be removed for discussion. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows, with the exception of Item (D):

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 12/28/04.
- (B) Ratify approval of Vacation Plat for Scott Russell. II.
- (C) Authorize the District Attorney to fill vacant Legal Secretary position.
- (D) Ratify Temporary License Agreement to use Port property on Railroad Avenue.  
***REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION.***
- (E) Authorize Jim Gibson to fill two Corrections Deputy positions.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS**

- (F) ORMAP Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Revenue, Contract No. 1296.
- (G) ORMAP Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Revenue, Contract No. 1297.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM (D) – TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PORT**

Todd Dugdale explained that this agreement was related to the transfer station. We are taking delivery of a metal building next week and we had asked the Port whether we could store the building on their adjacent property while the transfer station site was under construction. The Port agreed to allow the use of the property and provided a Temporary License Agreement for the County to sign. This Agreement, when received, specifically indicated that no fee was being charged for the use of this property. Yesterday, Bill Potter was advised that the Port was now requiring a fee of \$500 per month for use of the site. Bill Potter indicated that the contractor had originally indicated it would be beneficial to have the building stored on the adjacent property so that they didn't have to move it 2 or 3 times. When the request was made to the Port, no cost was anticipated for leasing the Port's property. Bill felt this could be done with an inter-governmental give-and-take. The County has been trying to keep the costs of constructing the transfer station down. Bill feels the \$500 fee is unreasonable. Todd Dugdale stated that he did not feel \$500 was that far out of line, they just hadn't discussed having to pay a fee for this. If a fee is required, they will just store the building on the County site and not incur the cost.

Commissioner Corsiglia questioned whether the cost of moving the building 3 or 4 times would equal the cost of leasing the property from the Port. Todd stated that the contractor would move the building without incurring any additional costs. Bill Potter indicated the cost may ultimately be built into the GMP, but that it would be impossible to quantify any additional cost at this time.

Commissioner Bernhard wondered why the Port waited so long to tell the County they wanted \$500 a month. Todd indicated that the request and the license agreement all happened very quickly, and they just found out about the Port's decision to charge a fee. Commissioner Bernhard stated that she gets a little frustrated with this sort of thing, since we are all public agencies and the money belongs to the tax payers. The County strives to cooperate with the other local governments.

Todd Dugdale indicated they have made the decision not to use the Port's property, so no action is needed by the Board.

**JOHN KNIGHT – MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS VAN:**

John Knight, County Counsel, indicated that PGE has generously donated a van to the County for emergency use. The draft Agreement is for equipping, operating and maintaining the van in cooperation with the Columbia Amateur Radio Association, Inc. ("CARA"). The van will be used primarily by the Sheriff's department for search and rescue missions, but will be available for use in other areas and by other local agencies, INCLUDING Emergency Management and the ARES/RACES program operated by CARA. John wanted to update the Board on this matter, and will bring a revised draft to the Board later for approval.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard stated it has been a very busy time and come January they will become very busy with various projects, including replacing our Senator and possibly the State representative. She has been really busy with the Kiwani's food baskets, a huge project that helps very many families in

need. We also received word that Chuck Ashcroft passed away last week during surgery. Our sympathies go out to the family.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia has enjoyed a number of holiday celebrations around the County and is trying to reflect on the tsunami that took place over the weekend and how we need to be better prepared for these types of events.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Joint Defense Confidentiality Agreement with several other Counties, and authorize litigation against the State of Oregon on the County's behalf. The motion carried unanimously.

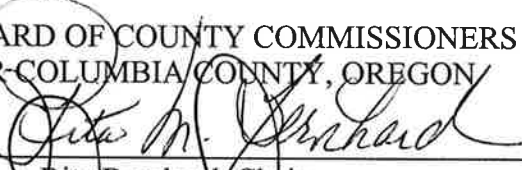
Commissioner Bernhard pointed out that the first meeting of the year, by statute, has to be on the first Monday in January and, therefore, the first regular Board meeting will take place on January 3, 2005. After little discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to cancel the January 5, 2005, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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:   
Cynthia Zemaitis