

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 13, 2005

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2005 Board meeting; July 6, 2005 Board meeting and July 6, 2005 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Katie Harris, Veterans' Service Office***, came before the Board to go over the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly report for the Veterans' Services. The total amount of recoveries for the 2004-05 fiscal year was \$3,529,200. Katie noted that there is also a website with this information available. She went over the number of pending cases. Her office has a 95% success rate in winning NOD's (Notice of Disagreements). Commissioner Bernhard feels that putting out \$22,000 annually for this program, with a return of over \$3 million is a fantastic return.

***Doug Sande, 33836 Bennet Road, Warren***: Mr. Sande wanted to formally object to the bill he was presented for his public records request of \$188. He objects to the 1.5 hours for staff to review the file for privileged documents. He should not have to pay the county to review his file. Privileged documents should be identified as such when they are filed in the public record so they can be removed easily. In the 9 years he has made requests to review his files - he has been denied 5 times. He also objects to the 2 hours for copying documents earlier this year for his attorney. In his reviewing about half the documents he received, there are 71 duplicates.

Jan stated that she is the one who made those copies and that all requested copies were flagged by Mr. Sande's attorney and he was present when those copies were made.

Mr. Sande then stated that, on Friday, he called County Counsel's office to ask to view his file and John Knight refused him. John claimed that the privileged information was put back into the file and would have to be removed again. Further, John stated that Doug could not view the file unless his attorney was present. In summary, he objects to the charge of \$188 to view his file.

The Board stated they would consider his objection to the billing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. John commented on Item (G) and some language that needs to be included. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 7/12/05.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Murray Hill Cemetery.
- (C) Order No. 38-2005 "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2005 Distribution - [Mist Gas Field Revenues]".
- (D) Order No. 39-2005, "In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2005 Distribution - Mist Gas Field Revenues]".
- (E) Order No. 49-2005, (to Execute and Deliver Quitclaim Deed), "In the Matter of Selling Certain County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 05-10 8330-000-00200 to Jerry D. Gann and Katherine Gann".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (F) Approve the termination of the Trojan Nuclear Plant Exclusion Area Agreement.
- (G) Approve the 2005-2007 Oregon Commission on Children & Families Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde has been working on Emergency Management in Columbia County because of what is coming out of Homeland Security. A committee is being formed from all the agencies to deal with Homeland Security. Vicki is doing a great job but desperately needs another staff person. It has been suggested that outside agencies contribute funding to pay for the additional staff.

Yesterday, he was in Hillsboro at a meeting to discuss the idea of Portland taking over PGE.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Rainier Days last weekend and had a great time.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard also attended the Rainier Days. Rainier has done a lot of work along the waterfront.

Yesterday, she did a site visit with Community Action Team at the Transitional Housing site that will be going in next to the Jail. They are hoping to get some funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust to help fund this project.

There has been a lot of concerts going on, Friday nights in Scappoose, Thursday nights in St. Helens and the concert series out on Highway 30. Last Saturday, there was a concert and the Seattle to Portland bike race, however there were no problems.

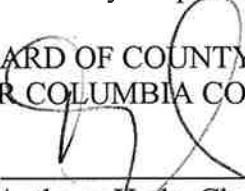
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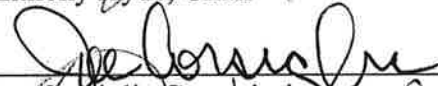
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

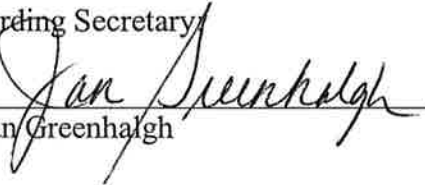
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By:   
Joe Cordiglia, Commissioner

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary  
By:   
Jan Greenhalgh