

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 24, 2005

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

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

MINUTES:

Approval of the August 17, 2005 Board meeting minutes were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

DELIBERATIONS: MEASURE 37 CLAIM FILED BY REED BRUEGMAN:

This is the time set for deliberations, "In the Matter of a Measure 37 Claim Filed by Reed Carl Bruegman for Compensation Under Measure 37".

Sarah Tyson stated that a hearing was held on this matter on August 17, 2005, after which, deliberations were held over to today.

Under deliberation, Commissioner Hyde centered around the eligibility for a M37 claim and the issue of "interest" in the property. Personally, he has come to the conclusion and, although he would like to find in favor of claimant, however, there is nothing in writing that interest was held by the claimant and, if approved, it would not stand up in court. Unfortunately, continuous ownership was not shown and because of the way the law is written, that must be shown. Commissioner Bernhard agrees that the issue of continuous ownership has not been shown - on a deed or otherwise. This has been a hard decision for her because the property was still in the immediate family. Commissioner Corsiglia feels it is unfortunate that the legislators didn't clarify the law and he would have to agree that the Board should reject this claim. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to deny the Measure 37 claim filed by Reed Bruegman. The motion carried unanimously. Sarah stated that she will be preparing an order for Board approval.

Reed Bruegman, 30878 Holaday Road, Scappoose, approached the Board, to let them know that there were affidavits in the record for the Board to review showing his interest. He is giving notice that his attorney will be filing a Measure 37 complaint because he had interest in the property from 1973 to present and never gave it up.

SHERIFF'S LEVY DISCUSSION:

Walt Pesterfield, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board to discuss the committee that was established last night at the Sheriff's levy meeting. As a result of that meeting, a subcommittee was formed to look at adding treatment costs in the levy. They came up with a figure of 8.8% of the total \$1.2 million levy for residential treatment inside the Jail, per year. That comes to approximately \$105,000. Donna Tewksbury estimates \$120,000 for an effective 90 day program. As part of that, Community Corrections would contribute to that treatment module out of the 1145 money.

Ernest Carmen, 21783 Swedetown Road, Clatskanie: He has been an active volunteer to get this levy passed. He is an advocate and a concerned taxpayer and feels this is a worthwhile thing. Initially, he felt that the levy should be targeted toward more deputies. In this case, he feels that treatment is necessary. When deputies pick up people on meth related crimes and send them to Jail, if they come out with no treatment, it will take more deputies. However, if people get treatment that would equate to more deputies for other issues. He appreciates the Board's attention to this very important matter.

Commissioner Corsiglia shared information from the Meth Action Team meeting held last week. One of the things discussed is life after the levy and the need for treatment, whether or not it passes. There is not just one avenue for treatment.

Commissioner Hyde stated that he recently attended a NACo conference in which representatives from throughout the US were in attendance. This was the first time he has been to a conference that had so much focus on one issue. That conference focused on the meth problem, which is a national issue. Just looking at incarceration, without some type of treatment, is not comprehensive.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 8/23/05.
- (B) Approve Public Event Permit for Cycle Oregon in September.
- (C) Reappoint Earl Fisher, Jenefer Stenzel Grant and Rita Bernhard to the Commission on Children & Families for a four year term.
- (D) Appoint Cindy Jaeger-Sash to the Commission on Children & Families for a 4 year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Amendment #46 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (F) FY 2006 Columbia County Cultural Coalition - Cultural Participation Grant Agreement **and authorize the Chair to sign.**
- (G) Amendment #3 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Clatskanie.

The motion carried unanimously.

RAILROAD AGREEMENTS - TRANSFER STATION:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to talk about three agreements for the transfer station, one for power lines, one for sewer lines, and one for phone lines over the railroad crossing. However, insurance needed to be provided.

Sarah explained the insurance issue that needs to be addressed. Joe Schultz is looking into insurance for the County to indemnify the railroad, which they are requiring. If the Board is comfortable with moving forward without insurance in place at this time, she would recommend approval, noting that insurance will be obtained in the next 6 weeks.

Sarah explained that the Board previously approved the agreements, subject to getting a letter from the Railroad offering to sell the County insurance. At this point, there just needs to be clarification for the record that we will not have that requirement included and that the agreements are approved.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde participated in a golf tournament in St. Helens last weekend that was a fund raiser for the Columbia Food Bank.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Clatskanie Arts Commission on Monday.

On Thursday, the Meth Action Team met to continue discussions on how to address the many different areas effected by the meth problem. The committee wanted Jerry Simmons appointed to this group. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Jerry Simmons to the Columbia County Meth Action Team. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Columbia County Christian School grand opening last week in the old Yankton School building.

She also attended the vintage car show last Saturday put on by the Scappoose Historical Society. It was a very successful event. The Farmers Market was going on at the same time, so the crowd was able to attend both events.

She will be attending the Santosh Landfill meeting tonight at the Scappoose High School with DEQ.

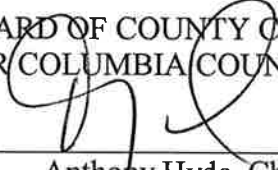
There was no Executive Session held.

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

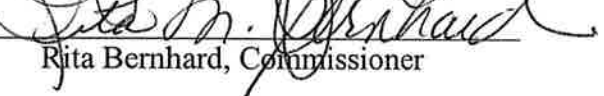
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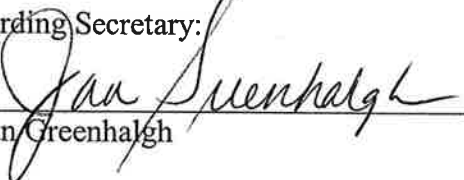
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:
By: 
Jan Greenhalgh