

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 31, 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:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2005 Board meeting; August 23, 2005 Work Session; August 24, 2005 Board meeting; and August 24, 2005 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tammy Kackley, 50273 Canary Lane, Scappoose: She works for SCAT transportation in Scappoose and there has been a heated debate over transportation for students. She is not interested in the contractual issues, just transportation for the kids. Parents have attention to the need to get children to school, day-care, etc. There are a lot of people that have an interest in this issue and are not being heard. She would like to see this matter put on the Board agenda next week for further discussion.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that she has received calls from a number of people about transporting kids to and from the Seventh Day Adventist. After checking into what is going on around the state, there are no other transportation systems similar to the county's, that provides this special service. When the County recently contracted for transportation services, they never intended to provide student transportation and the contract does not include it. She has been working to try to find a solution for this issue. Commissioner Hyde explained that "dial a ride" is still an option, but not for \$1 per ride. He stated that the county receives only a certain amount of dollars to provide the transportation service. If we were to provide this special service in all areas, we might as well close down the system. There simply is not enough money to expand the services. Commissioner Bernhard feels that the county cannot be everything to everybody. If this special service was provided to Scappoose, it would also need to be provided to Vernonia, Rainier and Clatskanie and we simply don't have the funding to do that. She understands that there is a gap in services, but without the funding, nothing can be done about it at this time. This is not to say that services won't change in the future.

2ND READING OF ORD #2005-4:YARBOR/YARBOR/HICKEY ZONE CHANGE:

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2005-4, "In the Matter of the Application of Jeff Yarbor, Joel Yarbor and Bud Hickey for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Surface Mining (SM) to Forest Agriculture (FA-19)".

Sarah stated that the first reading was held two weeks ago and this is the time set for the second reading. Commissioner Corsiglia reiterated that he did not participate in this hearing due to a potential conflict and will abstain from the vote. Sarah went over the changes to the Ordinance since the first reading and then gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2005-4.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2005-4, "In the Matter of the Application of Jeff Yarbor, Joel Yarbor and Bud Hickey for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Surface Mining (SM) to Forest Agriculture (FA-19)". Commissioner Corsiglia abstained. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Sarah asked that Order No. 59-2005 be added to the consent agenda (Item E). With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 8/30/05.
- (B) Partition Plat for William F. Warren.
- (C) Order No. 57-2005, "In the Matter of Re-Dedicating Property Owned by Columbia County as Additional Right-of-Way for Public Road and Utility Purposes [Fourth Street West, Rainier, Oregon]".
- (D) Order No. 58-2005, "In the Matter of the Application of James & Willa Morrison for a conditional Use Permit to Site a Single Family Dwelling in the Forest Agriculture (FA-19) Zone".
- (E) *Order No. 59-2005, "In the Matter of the Claim No. CL-05-23 for Compensation Under Measure 37 Filed by Reed Carl Bruegman."*
- (F) Approval to fill the staff position in the Commission on Children & Families Department.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Contract with Metro West for Transportation Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY:

John Knight presented information on the law enforcement local option tax levy. He has prepared an order which calls for an election to be held on November 8, 2005 for a local option

tax levy. John reviewed what is included in the order. He also presented an explanatory statement for the voter's pamphlet. Resolution No. 61-2005 was discussed. With this, the Board would pledge the levy revenue for law enforcement purposes.

John is still waiting for Paul Vogel's comments on the summary and the resolution so John would recommend holding over approval until next week. The Board agreed to carry this over one week.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last week, he was able to participate in West Oregon Electric's annual meeting where they discussed power costs and how they are changing the northwest.

On Saturday, was the County picnic at the Fairgrounds. We need to work on the menu some for next year.

All of need to take time out to pray for the people down south who are being devastated by the hurricane Katrina. Everyone should think about what they can do for them.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia had an excellent time working the Hood-to-Coast. It's amazing the amount of diverse people that participate in this. He heard a lot of comments on how beautiful this county is, which is nice to hear.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard enjoyed the employee picnic last weekend. She tried to give the leftovers to the Women's Resource Center, but they were closed for renovation so she took them to the senior center.

Last weekend, she attended the Veteran's celebration in Vancouver for the WWII vets. It was so crowded. There was a lot to see and do. It was a real special event for everyone. Some vets were honored, who should have been years ago.

She spent a lot of time this past week on transportation issues and will continue to do so.

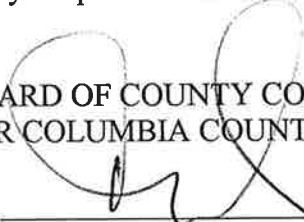
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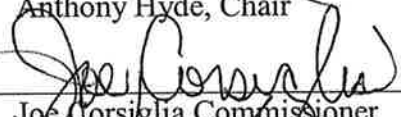
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 31st day of August, 2005.

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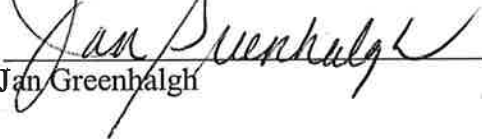
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Acting Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh