

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 21, 2005

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**JULIE GASSNER, MTC:**

Julie Gassner, MTC, came before the Board with Karen Miller, MTC Manager and Cory Shoemaker, with the Employment Department. Julie mentioned that this is Workforce Development Month. Julie stated that 360 people were helped through their services this past year. Karen Miller presented a packet of information explaining the services that MTC provides and reviewed some of the projects they have been involved with. MTC received a grant for their "Virtual Solutions Project", which gave students the opportunity to meet with area business owners, learn about their businesses and develop websites for those businesses. This project has been very successful for both the students and local businesses.

Commissioner Corsiglia asked about the possibility of meshing their programs with kids trying to get off meth. These kids need a positive direction to stay clean and perhaps that is something that MTC can be involved with. Karen stated that she has been in contact with Walt in Community Corrections.

Commissioner Bernhard spent the day at MTC some time ago and went through the entire process of when someone comes into MTC for services. She was very impressed with the system and how it works and it was very educational for her. The Board appreciates the work MTC does for the community.

Cory Shoemaker, Employment Department, gave the Board some handouts from the Employment office. She talked about the many changes the Employment Office has gone through. For instance, unemployment services are now done by phone and no longer handled through the local office. Their main focus is to recruit workers and match them with employers. She briefly went over the other services they provide and some statistics on unemployment and

education in the county. Recently, the department established a unit to work closely with other agencies to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Cory stated that the Employment Office has a very close working relationship with MTC, which is very helpful for the people seeking employment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. With no comments, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 9/20/05.
- (B) Ratify Commissioner Bernhard's signature on the Lease with Western Bus Sales, Inc.
- (C) Appoint John Mollahan to the Mental Health Advisory Commission for a three (3) year term.
- (D) Appoint James Fery and James Tierney as Chairperson's Pool members to BOPTA.
- (E) Appoint James Fery, James Tierney, Eric Sellix and Patricia Fail as Non-office-Holding Pool members to BOPTA.
- (F) Authorize the filling of one Corrections Technician at the Jail, effective October 3, 2005.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment #1 to the Immediate Opportunity Fund Agreement #21,270 for Port Westward - Van Street at Hwy 30.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Cycle Oregon in Vernonia last weekend. It was a very positive event for Columbia County.

He also attended the NRA banquet Saturday night, where an auction was held to raise funds for a new shooting range in Columbia County.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard spent all day Saturday at the Sauerkraut Festival and worked some of the booths. She heard that approximately 12,000 people attended. The weather was great and there were a lot of different events going on and everyone seemed to have a great time. Some suggestions made were that people would like to see more sauerkraut products and more food products available.

She tried to attend the St. Johns Bridge opening but it was too hard to get there, so she didn't go.

The Oktoberfest will be held this weekend at the Fairgrounds.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2005.

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: Not Present  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: Joe Corsiglia  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By: Rita M. Bernhard  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:  
By: Jan Greenhalgh  
Jan Greenhalgh