

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

**October 5, 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 September 28, 2005 Board meeting and September 28, 2005 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2005 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH":**

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation into the record. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to proclaim October 2005 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde 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 10/4/05.
- (B) Amended Order No. 43-2005, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes".

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) CDBG Grant Contract #HR-502 with Oregon Housing and Community Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

**PROJECT/GRANT MANGER FOR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT:**

Dianne DuBach, CAT, was present to answer any questions. John Knight explained that Jim Tierney and Dianne DuBach, Community Action Team have worked together on the County's request for qualifications for the Family Resource Center Grant and Project Management Contract. CAT was the only responder. Jim is recommending that the County select CAT as the Project/Grant Manager for the Family Resource Center project, and John Knight would recommend the same. John is working with CAT on the Personal Services Contract and, if the Board selects CAT, then they can approve the contract, subject to County Counsel review.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to select Community Action Team as the Project/Grant Manager for the Family Resource Center project. The motion carried unanimously.

Further, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with CAT for the Family Resource Center project, subject to County Counsel review. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde attended an Oregon Economic Development "Back to Business" conference in Eugene on Monday and Tuesday. This was previously called the Challenge of Change. There were some very good workshops held and the Governor spoke on education and economic development.

Last week, he attended a LNG presentation in Napa. There were people there both in favor and opposition. It was a good meeting and very informative.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia spent a lot of time in Vernonia last week attending the Salmonfest and other functions.

He attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning where discussion was held on the issue of motorcycle fatalities on Hwy 47 and Scappoose Vernonia Hwy. It appears to be mostly the faster bikes, not the Harley's. The committee will be looking at doing some education on safety in those areas.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard also enjoyed the Salmonfest in Vernonia last Saturday. It appeared there was a good turnout until the downpour.

On Friday, she attended the Governor's Disaster Preparedness summit in Portland.

She attended the CEPA meeting yesterday and afterwards, took a tour of the new mobile data system.

She mentioned that there will be a Domestic Violence vigil at Columbia View Park tonight and she will be reading the proclamation, just adopted by the Board.

**APPOINTMENT TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Jim Crislip to the Traffic Safety Committee, term to expire on December 31, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE HILL REPORTED ON ROAD DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, updated the Board on some of the projects the Road Department has been working on.

Dave then reported on Asbury Acres. He has done some brush cutting near where the old farmhouse used to be and put in some picnic tables and it is being used for a day use park. He is working on trying to finish up the application with DSL for the wetlands mitigation.

*The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 am and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with all present.*

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

**LOCAL 697 MEAL TICKET GRIEVANCE:**

Dean McMann, Mike Dunning and Jeff Peterson, Local 697, approached the Board to discuss the meal ticket grievance filed by Local 697. Dean stated this grievance is now in Step 3. The employee was called out on a job on a Sunday, which was unscheduled time, and he filed for a meal ticket which was denied. Dean tried to schedule a meeting with Jean Ripa to avoid filing a grievance, but she was not available. Dave Hill stated that this was not a big deal to him, but he would not make a decision on this without Jean Ripa's input. Dave also felt this issue was covered in the union contract. Dean understands that the meal ticket would only be applicable if an employee worked over his/her normal work hours. In this instance, it was call out time and unscheduled work hours. During a previous discussion with Dave Hill, Dave stated it would be acceptable for the employee to prepare themselves, i.e. shower, make coffee and a lunch. Dean doesn't feel that is acceptable. When someone is called out, response needs to be immediate. It could be a public safety issue. The time out is usually uncertain, it could be an hour or it could be 7 hours. Public safety should come first.

Jeff Peterson feels the time issue can easily be managed if the employee calls 911 back with a finish time. He would agree that it would not be appropriate to receive a meal ticket if call out time is under 3 hours, however, if over 3 hours, it is. Again, the time can be verified through the 911 records.

Dean noted that in this specific issue, the employee was Jeff Goodman, he was called out on a Sunday for a broken water line at Big Eddy park.

Dean does not understand the issue being made on this because the total amount would be somewhere around \$200 annually, however that can vary depending on weather and other circumstances. The point is, there is language in the contract that allows for this.

The Board stated that they would discuss this matter and then make a decision.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d):**

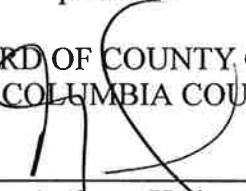
The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to deny the meal ticket grievance filed by Local 697, based on its own merits as nothing in the union contract supports the Local's position; because this issue was settled as part of the bargaining process and the Local received a higher benefit from the County for settling the grievance at that time; and the Board reserves the right to raise the issue of whether this grievance was filed in a timely manner. The motion carried unanimously.

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

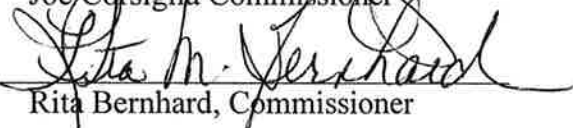
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

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:   
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By:   
Joe Corsiglia Commissioner

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By:   
Jan Greenhalgh