

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 2, 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, Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2005 Work Session and October 26, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. John Knight asked that Item (E) be pulled for further discussion when the Board reconvenes this afternoon. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 11/25/05.
- (B) Approve the County Transit System Fare Schedule.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Grant Agreement #22590 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for general public transportation operations.
- (D) Grant Agreement #22591 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for vehicle purchase and preventive maintenance.
- (E) Subgrantee Agreement with Community Action Team, Inc. for the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program. ***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***

- (F) Ratify Commissioner Hyde's signature on the Intergovernmental Agreement with certain Units of Local Government for the Purchase of Equipment, Supplies, Professional Services and Training be funded by the US Department of Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2005-5 - MEGAN ERICKSON ZONE CHANGE:

This matter was held over until 2:00 p.m. today.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

The County is mourning the loss of Phil Dewey, the County Surveyor. The Board will be attending a memorial service for him this morning.

Commissioner Corsiglia reported on the Traffic Safety Committee meeting he attended this morning. There was some discussion on the gravel trucks entering the highway at Deer Island and the dangers involved. The committee will be looking at how to deal with this. Brian Gray was also present.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

On Friday, Commissioner Bernhard attended the Northwest Oregon Regional Partnership forum last week. The speaker was very good.

On Saturday, she worked the Children's Fair at the St. Helens High School and the Grant Watts fair in Scappoose.

Yesterday, she attended the CEPA meeting and then afterwards they all went over to the Jail facility where a new emergency vehicle (a mobile command center) was given to the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hyde noted that this was actually given by PGE.

Commissioner Bernhard will be in Newport this Thursday and Friday attending a GOHBI meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(e):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h):

The Board immediately recessed the meeting again to go back into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to refuse any changes in the abatement agreement with Columbia Hills Development. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to attend the memorial service for Phil Dewey. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioner Corsiglia, Commissioner Bernhard, John Knight, County Counsel, Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary present. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2005-5 - MEGAN ERICKSON ZONE CHANGE:

After a brief review by Sarah Hanson, she gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2005-5, "In the Matter of an Application by Megan Erickson for a Major Map Amendment and Zone Change for Approximately 2.58 Acres and to Adopt an Exception to Goal 4", by title only. The Board is now ready to take action on this ordinance.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-5, "In the Matter of an Application by Megan Erickson for a Major Map Amendment and Zone Change for Approximately 2.58 Acres and to Adopt an Exception to Goal 4". The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX, INC.:

After a brief review by Sarah, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with Parametrix, Inc. for the preliminary engineering for OTIA III Bridges Project. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT WITH GRAHAM EBERLE NORMAN ARCHITECTS, INC.:

John Knight reviewed the Personal Services Contract with Graham Eberle Norman Architects to design the transitional housing project at the Corrections Facility. This amendment would change the amount in the contract and the scope of work. It would be an increase of \$15,000 in costs and change the design to stick built housing. Jim Tierney, CAT, has been told that if this project isn't sent out for bid soon, the State grant funding may be pulled. Therefore, Jim would recommend approval of the changes. Commissioner Corsiglia expressed some concerns with being held hostage on this and who will be paying the additional \$15,000. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Amendment

#1 to the Personal Services Contract with Graham Eberle Norman Architects, Inc. in regards to the Transitional Housing Project. The motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC:

John Knight reviewed the agreement for the equipping, operating and maintaining a multi-use communications vehicle that was just presented to the Sheriff's Department. A very basic document and non-confrontational and John would recommend approval. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Agreement with Columbia Amateur Radio Associations, Inc. for equipping, operating and maintaining a multi-use communications vehicle. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (E) FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

John Knight has not had time to review this yet, however, the Board can approve the sub-grantee agreement with CAT, subject to County Counsel review. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Subgrantee Agreement with Community Action Team, Inc. for the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program, subject to County Counsel review. The motion carried unanimously.

KATIE HARRIS - QUARTERLY UPDATE ON VETERANS' SERVICES:

Katie Harris, VA Services, came before the Board to give her quarterly update. The total recovery for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005-2006 was \$1,053,570.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(a):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(a). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and carried the meeting over to Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened on November 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Corsiglia, John Knight, Sarah Hanson and Jan Greenhalgh present. Commissioner Bernhard was attending a GOHBI meeting out of town.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(a):

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(a). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened again on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Corsiglia, Commissioner Bernhard, John Knight and Jan Greenhalgh present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

SURVEYOR ISSUE:

Commissioner Hyde stated that this meeting was held over until today to allow additional time to determine what to do about the vacant County Surveyor position. Tony Dewey and Jerry Keenon were present for discussion.

Tony Dewey, PO Box 993, St. Helens, approached the Board to discuss some of the issues and give the Board some insight as to the workings of the office. There are a number of partition and subdivision plats that are awaiting to be finalized, along with the normal on-going office work. The main concern now is dealing with the plats in a timely basis. There are approximately 10 that are in the middle of the process.

John Knight has been in contact with Clatsop County who is willing to enter into a contract with Columbia County to provide surveying services, however, John explained that they would need to be deputized by a registered Columbia County Surveyor. John went over the alternatives and what options are available to the county at this time. Commissioner Bernhard feels that whatever is done, we still need to deal with the survey records issue. John agrees that there would need to be someone in the office to deal with the paperwork, collect fees, send plats to Clatsop County (if that is the decision made), etc. Tony explained the checking process that Clatsop County was doing for Phil Dewey's surveys. Tony stated that he can get the outstanding surveys to Steve in Clatsop County to move them forward.

Commissioner Hyde talked about the need to reach out to all potential licensed surveyors in Columbia County as candidates for appointment until a long term solution can be decided upon. However, something needs to be done to deal with the immediate need.

Tony stated that Phil Dewey Surveying will continue operating. He will be hiring a licensed surveyor to do the work until Tony can take his state exam, however, the results of that exam won't be known until next July.

Jerry Keenon, 16721 Noakes Road, Vernonia: Jerry retired over a year ago and is enjoying that, however, he is willing to take the time to help out with this situation. He stated that he is not interested in a full time position. He feels he may be able to help out in the office for the short time.

Commissioner Corsiglia feels that if the Board decides to appoint Jerry Keenon to the County Surveyor position, then a press release should be sent out to inform the public and, in the same press release, solicit interest for a full time Surveyor.

Commissioner Hyde brought up the issue of payment for services to Jerry, if appointed. Tony stated that the office needs to be kept open and staffed because of the amount of work in the office.

John feels that, if the Board appoints Jerry as County Surveyor, there would be a need to come up with some type of compensation. It would also make sense to appoint Tony and Maria as part-time/temporary county employees so there would not be a need for a contract. Tony talked about the amount of equipment in the office, which is almost all of it, that belongs to Phil Dewey Surveying Company.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Jerry Keenon as the interim Columbia County Surveyor which would expire on January 3, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

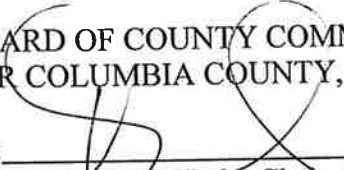
Further, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to direct County Counsel to work with Phil Dewey Inc. staff and the interim Surveyor to prepare the appropriate documents for the continuation of the surveyor office. The motion carried unanimously.

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

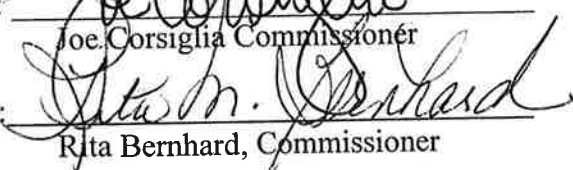
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd ay of November, 2005.

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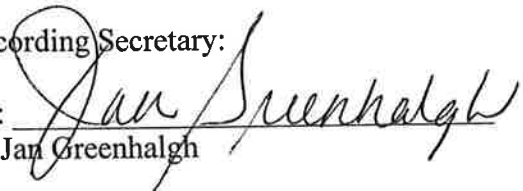
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh