

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 9, 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 Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Peggy Crisp, 34571 Millard Road, Warren: Peggy attended the last Fair Board meeting and Don Courtain is leaving the Fair Board. She asked that when the Board considers a new appointment, they consider someone from the same neighborhood as Don.

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island: Tammy wanted to ask each Board member their opinion on condemnation and if the Board supports the taking of someone's property for private business. Commissioner Bernhard stated that she does not agree with condemnation unless it is for national security or for a public need such as highways, bridges, etc. but not just for private development.

Commissioner Hyde explained that the condemnation of property that Tammy is referring to is not before the Board because they didn't want to be a part of that. However, there are specific cases when it is necessary.

Commissioner Corsiglia feels about the same as Commissioners Hyde and Bernhard, that there are certain times where it makes sense but not for private development.

Tammy asked what Tom Fuller is doing for the County on LNG and what his qualifications are as a consultant. Commissioner Hyde stated that Tom Fuller is a very qualified consultant for Urban Renewal development, not specific to LNG.

Regarding expansion of the Enterprise Zone, Tammy has heard that Port Westward LNG plans to apply for an extension to allow them into the Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Hyde previously stated that this has to be done legislatively. She read from some information that Tom Fuller states it is relatively easy to do.

Commissioner Hyde feels it is not so easy and suggested Tammy go right to the source to determine the process and how easy it is.

Thelma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren: She is not very happy with the way the Port and the County is working together on Port Westward. She read from an article about the \$8 million the County is giving to the Port and asked what this meant. Commissioner Hyde stated that there is an Urban Renewal system with the UR plan which captures taxes and are used to pay off the debt. The water system is being paid by the tax increment.

PRESENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO RUTH BAKER:

The Board presented Ruth Baker, Director of Finance and Taxation with an Achievement Award for Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association. The Board thanked Ruth and her staff for all their hard work.

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 11/8/05.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Summerfield Subdivision.
- (C) Ratify Order No. 73-2005, "In the Matter of the Appointment of Leslie G. Keenon as Columbia County Surveyor".
- (D) Resolution No. 74-2005, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Rainier Economic Development Council and Columbia County".
- (E) Order No. 75-2005, "In the Matter of Claim No. CL 05-18 for Compensation under Measure 37 submitted by Jeanne Sherer".
- (F) Cancel the November 16, 2005 Board Meeting (AOC conference).

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Approve Letter of Agreement with Columbia County Deputy Sheriffs' Association amending Article 2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- (H) Approve the Advertising, Dial-A-Ride, Child Rider Procedures and Unaccompanied Minor Transport policies for Columbia County Rider Transportation.

The motion carried unanimously.

PSC WITH GRAHAM EBERLE NORMAN ARCHITECTS, INC:

John Knight stated that this is not yet ready for Board action and asked that it be carried over two weeks.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

No comments

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended a fund raiser at Mist-Birkenfeld Saturday night. Lightning hit and the power was out so the event was held with flashlights. Even with that, it turned out to be a very successful fund raiser.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

The Board attended Phil Dewey's memorial service last week at the Elks. It was a very nice tribute to Phil.

Last Thursday and Friday she was at the coast attending a GOHBI conference. It turned out to be a very good conference. A good thing was that Donna Tewksbury was elected to chair the group.

During the weekend, she attended a number of holiday bazaars and went by CCTV for their open house.

Commissioner Bernhard reported on the MHAC and LADPC meetings she attended yesterday.

Last night she went to the Police Academy in St. Helens of which she is an alumni. There are quite a few people that have gone through this program.

She is not sure of the election results on the Sheriff's Levy yet, but feels that there will need to be a lot of work on this the next time it gets on the ballot.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th day of November, 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
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