

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 7, 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 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 Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2005 Work Session and November 23, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2005-07 NW REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY:

As scheduled, the hearing to solicit input on the 2005-2007 NW Oregon Regional Partnership Strategy for Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties, was held.

Commissioner Hyde explained that a hearing is required to take public input. Afterwards, the Board will need to take formal action on the regional strategy to move forward.

Mary McArthur, Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance staff, presented information to the Board on projects completed and targets for the next biennium.

The hearing was opened for public testimony. With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. The Board is comfortable with the plan and with that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the 2005-2007 NW Oregon Regional Partnership Strategy for Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

NW OREGON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE IGA:

Mary McArthur explained that the current IGA expires December 31, 2005. Because they are starting a new funding biennium with OECDD and because the current IGA is due to expire at the end of 2005, the NOEA Board did a complete review of the agreement, which there was a number of updates needed. After completion, the NOEA Board approved the new IGA. This

also needs to be approved by all three counties, before OECDD contracts with them for the 2005-2007 Regional and Rural Investment funds.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties, subject to review and approval by County Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: EXPAND MINING SITE OF FOREST SYSTEMS, LLC:

This was the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application by Forest Systems, LLC, as agents for Bascom Pacific LLC for a New Surface Mining Operating Permit to Expand the Oak Ranch Quarry".

Sarah stated that this hearing was set for today, however there has been a request by the applicant to postpone this hearing to January 25, 2006. The 150 day time limit will be extended. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to postpone this hearing to January 25, 2006 at or after 10:00 a.m. 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 11/29/05.
- (B) Appoint Evelyn Hudson as a Fair Board member for a three year term beginning January 1, 2006."
- (C) Oder No. 76-2005 "In the Matter of Selling Certain County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 01-08 4234-030-00200 to the Keith & Gladys Carpenter Trust"
- (D) Approve Retroactive Increase of Interim County Surveyor Base Compensation to \$700.00 per month.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Personal Services Contract (ORS Chapter 2798) between Columbia County, Commission on Children and Families and Vernonia School District.

The motion carried unanimously.

STAY AGREEMENTS FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS RELATED TO M37:

After some discussion on the Stay Agreements dealing with Measure 37 claims, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize Todd Dugdale to enter into Stay Agreements for land use applications in Measure 37 claims. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last week, Commissioner Hyde was in San Diego to attend a NACo fall meeting. This is where the NACo Board decides on legislative priorities.

Commissioner Hyde reiterated how important the upcoming Emergency Management Summit in Rainier is to the county. It will be held on Monday, December 12th.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Last Saturday, he attended an affair in Clatskanie for their Kiwanis Club that included a scholarship fundraiser which raised approximately \$3,500.

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. ODOT was present to talk about striping issues. The committee also talked about ways to improve safety on the Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy for motorcycles.

Commissioner Corsiglia is troubled that the county cannot lower our flag when it's not even flying. As a result, we couldn't honor the passing of a local soldier. He suggested that a moment of silence be held for this soldier, which was done.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard noted that there will be a service for John Holmason in Scappoose this coming weekend and the Governor will be present for that service. This will be the fourth memorial service she has attended in the last week. Her sympathies go out to all of these families.

She attended the Watts House lighting the other night, which was very nice. There are a lot of family events going on throughout the county during the holiday season.

She was a bell-ringer this last weekend at Safeway and feels people are very giving this year.

She also attended the Toy & Joy Auction Saturday night at the Fairgrounds which was very successful and the first Annual Girl Scout breakfast last weekend.

Last week, she was in Salem attending a Workforce Investment Board meeting. They discussed ways to increase jobs and with better incomes. They will continue to be working on those issues.

She has received a number of calls from people in Scappoose who are concerned about the traffic congestion on Hwy 30, especially during rush hour traffic. ODOT will be looking at keeping the green lights on longer to help keep the traffic flowing.

Commissioner Hyde wanted to remind people that \$20 goes a long way for the Food Bank and encouraged people to give.

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

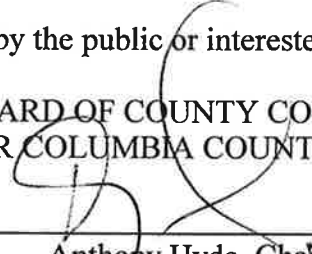
The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

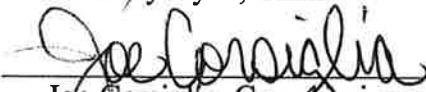
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

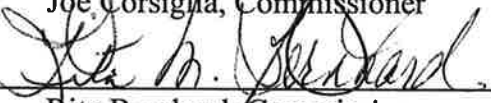
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7th day of December, 2005.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

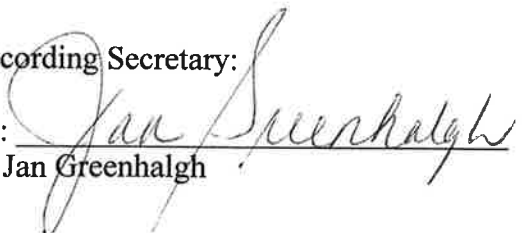
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh