

6+COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 19, 2006

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Work Session; July 12, 2006 Board meeting; and July 12, 2006 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: AMENDING ORD #2002-8 - COLUMBIA HILLS ZONE CHANGE:

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending Ordinance No. 2002-8, Approving the Application of Richard Recht for Columbia Hills Development Co. for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Rural Residential (RR-5) to Community Service - Utility (CS-U)", was held.

Sarah Hanson - In 2002, the Board approved a zone change from Rural Residential to Community Service-Utility in the Hillcrest subdivision. That allowed the creation of a community water system that would service the Hillcrest subdivision. Then last March, the Board approved Ordinance 2006-3 which authorized the zone change from PF-76 to RR-5. One of the conditions of that ordinance was to amend Ordinance 2002-8 in order to authorize the community water system to service more than 130 dwellings in the RR-5 zone. Today, the Board will be re-considering the conditions of Ordinance No. 2002-8. Sarah has drafted a new Ordinance (2006-6) which amends Ordinance 2002-8 to allow the community water system as authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-8 to serve up to 139 dwellings in the RR-5 zone in the Hillcrest subdivision.

Sarah then read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required by ORS 197.763. No ex parte contact or conflicts of interest were declared.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

PROPONENTS:

Dick Recht, Columbia Hills Development: Mr. Recht just wanted to clarify what this is about. The essence of this is that there up to 20 home sites that would have been allowed in the non RR-5 portion of Hillcrest. One of the things negotiated with the neighbors was that any home sites developed in all of Hillcrest be under the regulation of the State water requirements. These are not additional homes sites, although they are additional to the water system and will be under the control of the State supervision of the water system. With regards to communication with the State water system, it became clear that they would like to see the County take the land use action first. They see no problems with this because there is no intent to increase the amount of the water allocation.

OPPONENTS:

None.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2006-6 by title only. The second reading was scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at or after 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 7/18/06.
- (B) Approve funding for Vicki Vose, \$15/hr, 20 hours per week, August 1, 2006 through February 1, 2007.
- (C) Create an out-of-class assignment for the interim position of Senior Environmental Services Specialist, with out-of-class pay of 2% over regular salary.
- (D) Approve Interim Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Commission to assist in countywide programs and policies related to Disaster Preparedness including the establishment of an Official HSEM Commission and program staff - **to include Steve Butsko.**
- (E) Authorize Sheriff Derby to fill one Corrections Technician position once vacant.
- (F) Authorize Walt Pesterfield to fill one Probation Officer I position in Community Corrections.

- (G) Approve SPWF Pre-Application with OECDD for Port Westward, Phase 2 - Hermo Road Access.

The motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE/STATE COURT FACILITIES:

This discussion is a result of a letter received from AOC who is working on issues surrounding facilities that counties are supplying state courts. This is an issue for many counties and they are being asked to respond in writing by June 21, 2006 any concerns they have. Sarah presented comments from Bill Potter that John suggests be included. It was decided that if anyone has anything to add to this response, get them to John before Friday.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia enjoyed his time in Rainier over the weekend attending their Rainier Days. Rainier, like others throughout the county, are continually improving their festivities.

Commissioner Corsiglia followed up on comments made last week by Donna Tewksbury of CCMH last week. He brought those issues to the LGAC meeting in Salem on Friday. DHS feels that going back two bienniums is far enough (as opposed to going back to 1995). The settlement offer from CCMH for 1995-1999 had already gone out but those years have already been forgiven. Although there is still an outstanding bill, it's considerably less.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was in Salem on Friday for the AOC Human Services Committee meeting. They are dealing with meth issues and gathering information to get to the legislature in a uniform manner.

She spent part of the weekend in Rainier for Rainier Days. She continues to be amazed on what they have done there.

On Sunday, she went to the Warped Tour concert and had a tour of the concert area. There were 84 bands that played throughout the day. She was impressed with how clean the area was and how courteous the kids were. There was an area set aside for parents to sit that was air-conditioned and had food and drinks. She was just very impressed with the whole set up. There were some traffic issues because of the Seattle to Portland bike race along the same road. She witnessed many cyclists running red lights, riding beside each other 4-5 deep and darting in front of vehicles. She feels strongly that these issues need to be conveyed next year when the STP applies for their permit.

On Friday, she attended the Self Help Housing groups grand opening for 11 new homes. These homes are for low income families who put in sweat equity during the construction. The people were very excited to start moving in.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Medford last week attending an OECDD hearing. They are spending an enormous amount of time trying to finish up a legislatively mandated look at all of the ordinances that are around OECDD and getting recommended changes back to the legislature in 30 days.

On Monday night, he was in Rainier doing one of the last presentations on the Emergency Management Commission. It was very well received.

Yesterday, he spent time in Vernonia to help them with their sewer system issues. The DEQ requirements are costing millions and is not acceptable.

Last night, he attended the CZ trail meeting in Scappoose. He continues to be amazed at that planning committee's dedication to this project.

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

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

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with all present.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order. Others present were Tom Fuller, Dave Hill, Paul Pulliam, Brian Stimson, and Daryl Swan.

NORTHERN STAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN PRESENTATION:

Dave Glessner, Northern Star, Senior VP of Engineering, gave a power point presentation on their Water Suitability Assessment (WSA) and Emergency Response Plan for Bradwood Landing. The WSA is a process outlined in US Coast Guard policy document Navigation and Inspection Circular 05-05 and is required of all new shore based LNG terminal applicants to ensure that full consideration is given to safety and security of the port, the facility, and the vessels transporting LNG. The WSA is the cornerstone document on which the US Coast Guard initiates review of the suitability of the waterway for LNG transportation. The WSA contains security sensitive information related to security gaps, mitigation measures, agency response actions and resources available to deal with terrorist threats. In preparing the WSA, the Port of Astoria, Kalama, Longview and the Port of Portland were contacted for input. Commissioner Hyde asked why the Port of St. Helens was skipped over, considering there is a deep water port at Port Westward. Dave was unsure why they were not included and felt that was an oversight on Northern Star's part. Tom Fuller stated that Cascade Grain, in Columbia County, will be using tankers to transport ethanol and he strongly recommended that the Port of St. Helens be involved in this immediately. Commissioner Hyde asked who would bear the cost of ramping up emergency services costs. Dave stated that laws require that those costs be the responsibility of

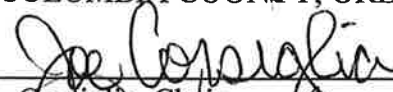
the company, Northern Star. The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) process considers all risks and all hazards whether accidental or intentional events both in the waterway and onshore. Dave listed the different organizations and agencies that will be part of the ERP Planning Team. Commissioner Bernhard feels it would be helpful to have the County Public Works Director involved in the planning process because of the potential effect on county roads and highways. Discussion was held on the re-alignment of the rail line near the potential Northern Star site, which ODOT and Portland-Western has signed off on. Dave felt it is important to state that, since 1944, there has never been an LNG accident that harmed a member of the public. Dave believes the ERP should be completed by September and could come back to update the Board again around that time. Commissioner Corsiglia again suggested that Dave contact the Port of St. Helens.

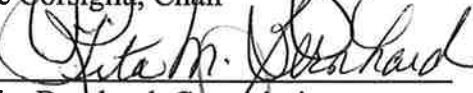
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th day of July, 2006.

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

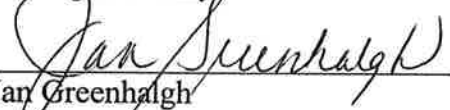
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