

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 13, 2006

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with John Knight, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2006 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Keith Bunn, 35338 Pittsburg Road, St Helens:*** Mr. Bunn is checking back with the Board on the problem with his driveway as a result of the recent paving job on Pittsburg Road. He has been gone for a couple of weeks so he might have missed a call from the Road department. Commissioner Hyde spoke with Dave Hill, who admits there were errors with the paving project and the problems will be corrected.

**PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 AS "FAMILY DAY":**

Commissioner Bernhard read the proclamation into the record. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to proclaim September 25, 2006 as "Family Day". The motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATIONS: COLUMBIA HILLS ZONE CHANGE (RR-5) TO (CS-U):**

This is the time set for deliberations "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)".

Sarah Hanson is still working on the covenants and recommended a continuance. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to continue deliberations to September 27, 2006, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATIONS: OUTDOOR MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE:**

This is the time set for deliberations "In the Matter of Re-Adopting the Columbia County Outdoor Mass Gathering Ordinance".

John Knight stated that after the hearing was closed, the record was left open to September 8<sup>th</sup>. Comments were received from Lu Parshall. John would recommend that deliberations be carried over to the September 26<sup>th</sup> work session to discuss the ordinance further. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to carry deliberations over to September 26, 2006, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PACIFIC LOGGING CONGRESS - MASS GATHERING:**

This is the time set for the public hearing "In the Matter of the Application for an Outdoor Mass Gathering Permit for the Pacific Logging Congress".

John Knight stated that the Board adopted an Outdoor Mass Gathering ordinance which is still in effect until September 30, 2006. This application falls under that current ordinance. The Sheriff has approved the application and the Clatskanie Fire Chief is satisfied with the arrangements made for this event. John has not heard directly from Health Officer, but did speak with Mark Eddington who will attend the first day of the event to inspect the food facilities. John reviewed the criteria for approval after the hearing is held and feels the applicant has met the requirements for the event.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

*Dave Wellman, Past President of the Pacific Logging Congress* - They held this event in Columbia County back in 2001 and it was very successful. This is basically a manufacturers equipment event to show the new technology for harvesting timber. On Saturday it is open to the public. He explained how to get to the event and stated that more information is available on line at [pacificloggingcongress.com](http://pacificloggingcongress.com).

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations. The Board feels that all requirements have been met and, with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Outdoor Mass Gathering permit for Pacific Logging Congress as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard 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 9/12/06.
- (B) Order No. 74-2006, "In the Matter of Making ORS 167.315, 167.320, 167.325, 167.330, 167.340 and 607.045 Enforceable under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance and Issuing a Letter of Authority Therefor".

- (C) Approve re-assigning the position of Deputy Surveyor to Exempt Salary Range 7.
- (D) Authorize Juvenile Director to promote one position to Juvenile Probation Officer III.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (E) Extension of Shut-In Provision, Parcel No. 649 Well No. CC 14-22-75 with Enerfin Resources NW Limited Partnership.
- (F) Extension of Shut-In Provision, Parcel No. 778 Well No. CC 32-28-75 with Enerfin Resources NW Limited Partnership.
- (G) Amendment #4 to the Personal Services Contract with Shiels Obletz Johnsen, Inc.
- (H) Local Agency Agreement #22,265 with ODOT for Beaver Creek Bridge #00138 and Bridge #00140.
- (I) GIS Data License Agreement with Metro Data Resource Center.
- (J) GIS Data License Agreement with Centex Homes.
- (K) GIS Data License Agreement with Geodatascape, Inc.
- (L) GIS Data License Agreement with Mason, Bruce and Girard.
- (M) GIS Data License Agreement with Oregon Department of Forestry.
- (N) GIS Data License Agreement with Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies-Portland State University.
- (O) GIS Data License Agreement with Groundwater Solutions, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REPLANTING OF BELLA VISTA PROPERTY:**

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the Bella Vista property. Kathy Dostert appeared before the Board some time back requesting permission to replant the county property on Bella Vista Road with Black Hills spruce seedlings. These trees grow to 20-40 feet in Oregon and the neighbors are looking for a wind break. Cynthia is asking for a decision from the Board on whether or not to grant permission to plant the spruce trees and also what we want to do with this property, if anything.

Discussion was held on selling the property to the neighbors. The City of Scappoose has already determined the property is unbuildable and, because of that, the county could do a private sale. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to allow replanting of the property and directed Cynthia to pursue the possible sale of the property to the neighbors. The motion carried unanimously.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SPECIALIST POSITION:**

This was a grant funded position and because the county was unsuccessful in their recent grant application, the position is being eliminated.

Present were Lisa Galovich and Lena Kakehi of the Amani Center, PO Box 1001, St. Helens; Brandi Bonney and Ollie Gibson of the Women's Resource Center, PO Box 22 St. Helens.

Brandi is here today to ask that there be some consideration to saving this position. Victims services in Columbia County have always been lacking. With this position at the Sheriff's department, it has been vital to filling gaps in services for victims. Victims who have had an on-scene responder have said over and over how comforting that was and what an impact it made on their healing process, as well as the legal progress. Without having that support system, it is very difficult for them to find access to services. Having someone within the law enforcement agencies strengthens the ability to have someone on scene, where as WRC is not always called out. Again, having that on-scene response is vital to the victims. It would be a huge loss to Columbia County if we cannot maintain this position in the Sheriff's office to provide victims services. She stated that DHS supports this program, but not financially,

Lisa stated that DHS had previously stated that they would help with funding for the position, but after the program was started, DHS did not contribute any funding.

Ollie also feels it is very important that this position continue because of the support it provides for the victims.

Commissioner Hyde explained the county's budget situation. However, as Budget Officer, he will look into the funding issues. The Board is very hopeful that the Sheriff's levy is going to pass and that may allow some room to make accommodations for this position in some form. It is clear that this is an important position.

Lisa made some final comments and asked if there is some way they may be able to fund this position until the levy passes or funding is made available. The Board will need to discuss this with the Sheriff regarding the use of levy funds.

Commissioner Bernhard understands the importance of this position. She has ridden with the deputies when they have responded to domestic violence calls and has seen first hand the victims trauma. The Board is very much in favor of this position, but needs to find a way to fund it.

Phil Derby, Sheriff, applauds those who spoke today on this issue. They work very closely with the Sheriff's department and do a tremendous job. The grant for this position has been funded for the past 5 years and they were hopeful that it would be funded again. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. Having someone like Casey and her trained volunteers respond, makes a tremendous difference on the victims lives. That said, funding is still an issue. His plan is to have Deputy Pat Anderson continue to work these cases

Commissioner Hyde understands the great support for this position, but as Budget Officer, he needs more information on the costs involved. He will meet with the Finance Director on Monday when she is back in the office and invited Lisa to attend that meeting.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Amani luau fundraiser which was a very fun evening. They raised a lot of money and one cake sold for \$500.

She was in Salem on Friday for an AOC Human Services Committee meeting. There was discussion on how to approach the legislature on the meth issue so that it is a more coordinated effort.

She did some clean up work in Scappoose in preparation for the Sauerkraut Festival this coming Saturday.

Afterwards, she went to the Columbia City celebration at their community center. It was a fundraiser and she bought a lot of books for her grandkids.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, some of the employees met out at the flag pole for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who were killed on 9/11. She commented on the huge flag at the top of a 100 foot ladder at the Scappoose Fire Department - it was very impressive.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde was in Coos Bay last Wednesday for an O&C meeting - discussion on PL 106-393. He mentioned that Ruth Baker is in Washington DC for a final push on the PL 106-393.

On Friday he was in Tillamook for the annual NOEA/COLPAC meeting. Talked about an economic development strategy that they will be presenting to the federal and state government.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, he was in Eugene for the OEDA conference. During that time, he also ran up to Salem to attend an AOC Legislative meeting.

Tomorrow and Friday he will be in Salem at the capitol, as an OECDD Commissioner, to make a presentation on the statutory review to the joint interim committee on economic development.

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to add that, last Thursday, she was in Tillamook at an NWACT meeting. They are still struggling for the finances for road projects and trying to deal with ODOT on the lack of funding for those projects.

***The Board recessed the meeting to attend another meeting to receive an update on Hermo Road improvements from Tom Fuller.***

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting back to order. Those present were Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Hyde, Sarah Hanson, Todd Dugdale, Dave Hill, Janet Wright and Tom Fuller.

Tom Fuller provided the Board with an update on the Port Westward rail and Hermo Road project.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

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: Not present  
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: Rita Bernhard  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: Anthony Hyde  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: Jan Greenhalgh  
Jan Greenhalgh