

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 1, 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, Sarah Hanson, Assistant 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 October 25, 2006 Board meeting and October 25, 2006 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: FISHER/McEVOY APPLICATION:

Commissioner Corsiglia stated that this hearing has been canceled due to withdrawal by applicant. (See Item (E) on consent agenda).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. With some additions by John on Items (G) and (I), Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 10/31/06.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plats for Charles & Melody Biggs & Chinook Crossing West.
- (C) Appoint Connie Budge to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee for a three year term.
- (D) Approve the creation of the position of Emergency Management Coordinator and assign a salary range 28 and authorize the Emergency Management Director to fill the vacancy.

- (E) Cancel the November 1, 2006 public hearing for the application of Dale Fisher/Dwayne McEvoy V 05-12 and CU 40-91 due to applicants withdrawal of application.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Approve RARE Interagency Agreement No. 718-06-07-06, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Approve Off-Campus Federal Work-Study Program Agreement #10550 with Portland State University, *with additional language.*
- (H) Amendment No. 1 to IGA with City of Portland to Extend UASI Grants.
- (I) Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team, Inc. to provide services for OHCS Grant #503, *subject to approval by Oregon Housing and Community Services.*
- (J) Contract with Metro West.

The motion carried unanimously.

JURISDICTION OF GABLE ROAD & OLD PORTLAND ROAD TO ST. HELENS:

Sarah Hanson brought up the issue of surrendering jurisdiction of Gable Road and Old Portland Road to the City of St. Helens. The road improvements, as required by the City of St. Helens, are now complete and Dave Hill is asking that the Board, again, offer jurisdiction to the city. Sarah has prepared a letter to the city for Board review. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the letter to the City of St. Helens requesting they take jurisdiction over a portion of Gable Road and Old Portland Road. The motion carried unanimously.

SAMANTHA MILLER COMPLAINT:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose. His questions revolve around the situation with his neighbor Samantha Miller. He understands that there is an investigation going on, but his concern is with the dog feces being put in a dumpster and that dog feces is being washed into the creek. Another neighbor with concerns filed a complaint with the State and consequently he was sued by Samantha Miller - the Arbitrator awarded Samantha damages. Scott wants to know who the neighbors can go to with these concerns without fear of being sued and who is responsible for the waterways. Commissioner Hyde stated that the county Code Enforcement Office has been out there a number of times but has never been able to actually witness this. However, Robert has been in contact with Waste Management regarding the feces being dumped. Mr. Grove feels this is more than an odor issue, it's a health issue and he has serious concerns about it. Again,

who can he contact to get something done about these issues without repercussion. How do the neighbors get resolution to this if the County doesn't have the resources to police these types of issues. John could draft something for the Board to declare a nuisance if the Board is comfortable with declaring animal feces a nuisance. The Board recognizes this is an issue and Commissioner Hyde stated that, if it was him, he would file a civil suit. Commissioner Hyde suggested that Mr. Groves also contact the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council with concerns about the creek. Mr. Groves thanked the Board for their time.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the RC&D dinner last week. He mentioned that Janet Wright received an award for her work on the CZ Trail. Kudos for her efforts.

The Board went to the Anytime Fitness grand opening.

On Saturday, he worked the Children's Fair at the high school and it was a great success. Ronald McDonald said that it was the most cars he has ever seen at this event. There was a incident where a child collapsed and quit breathing. Due to the efforts of Henry Heimuller and Stan Chiotti, they got the child breathing again and she was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

He attended the Cultural Trust Coalition meeting on Monday and discussion was held on their funding. Commissioner Corsiglia is very proud of that group and Janet has had a big hand in this project also.

He mentioned that Dottie Ford retired from the County Assessor's office yesterday and the Board attended her retirement party.

This morning, he attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting. The application by the City of St. Helens for bike path grant has finally come through after 10 years of trying. This is for the bottle neck on Gable Road across the bridge. A big success story. Other discussion at the meeting was on the intersection of Gable Road and Highway 30. There is a Starbucks going in and the traffic flow is being looked at.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a 5 senior center meeting at the Vernonia Senior Center. It was a very good meeting and allowed all the centers to get together.

Judy Lugar retired from the PUD last week and Commissioner Bernhard attended her get together.

She attended the St. Helens Senior Center fundraiser for the Food Bank.

On Friday, she attended a gathering of COLPAC, the Regional Workforce Investment Board and others at the Barnstormer. Discussion was held on ongoing projects. It was very well attended and a good opportunity to share information on economic development and jobs in the county.

She attended the Windemere fundraiser at the Fairgrounds last Saturday night. There was a great turnout and they raised quite a bit of money.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde also attended the RC&D annual meeting. He wanted to mention that our RC&D is the most prolific RC&D in the region.

He attended a meeting Green Community - sustainable community, alternative resources for power production, etc.

On Friday, he attended a Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee meeting. This group is responsible for oversight of the state forests.

He attended the Governor's Community Development Forum last week, who advises the Governor on economic development issues.

On Saturday, he had the pleasure of going to Eugene for the Oregon State game. It was a good time and he had some good interaction with other state and local government representatives.

He met with Senator Smith's staff to discuss road and rail issues in Columbia County.

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

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, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize staff to proceed with the acquisition of property at Quincy-Mayger - Beaver Falls intersection. The motion carried unanimously.

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

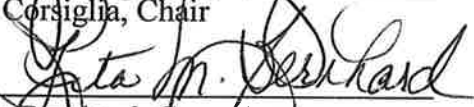
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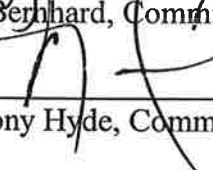
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st day of November, 2006.

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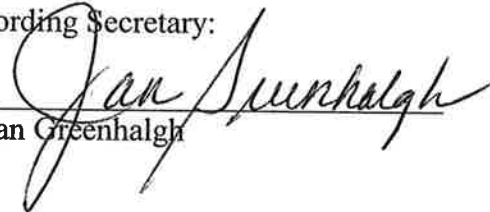
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh