

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 27, 2006

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, and Commissioner Rita Bernhard together with John Knight County Counsel, Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel, and Linda Waters, Acting Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2006 Board meeting . The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 12/26/06.
- (B) Ratify Order No. 104-2006, "In the Matter of Claim No. CL 07-01 for Compensation under Measure 37 submitted by Robert Smejkal on behalf of the Fred Smejkal and Louise Judith Smejkal Irrevocable Trust".
- (C) Order No. 106-2006, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property on Bella Vista Drive, Scappoose, Oregon, to Loren Hayes and Dana Hayes [Tax Account No. 01-01 3202-044-00600]".
- (D) Approve a Temporary Extension of Gaming Licenses for St. Helens Moose Lodge #591 and Wayside Inn ending 01/31/07.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Memorandum of Understanding between Lane Transit District and the Columbia County Rider.
- (F) Amendment #1 to the ODOT Contract #22591 for Major Component Replacement Grant.

(G) GIS Data License Agreement with the Oregon State University.

The motion carried unanimously.

NACo PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM:

Sarah reviewed the one change to the benefit agreement under Member's Liability, Section 6.3. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize County Counsel to sign and submit the revised version. The motion carried unanimously.

PARTITION PLATS FOR LUTTRELL:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to ratify the Luttrell partition plats. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia reflected on the past year and that it has been a good year for the County. Basically, everything seems to go pretty smoothly. The storm and biker issues were probably the largest issues that included all the staff.

Commissioner Corsiglia discussed the need to start looking at Ordinances and updating them after the first of the year. John Knight stated that Clatskanie had a real slick on-line program to pull up their ordinances.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard stated that it has been real busy considering it is the holiday season. Last week, the Board handed out Service Awards to some employees and then the employees held the annual holiday luncheon. She helped with putting together the food baskets for the Kiwanis Food program, attended Donna Tewksbery's retirement party and then the St. Helens City Council going away party for Ron Youngberg and Jim Huff.

Commissioner Bernhard serves on the NOHA Board and stated that they have some issues in Rainier with housing problems and questions about waiting list, approximately 58 people waiting for housing.

Commissioner Bernhard wished everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(1)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize County Counsel to contact the Fire Department, Sheriffs Department and the Road Department to obtain more information on the St. Helens Mud Run to be held Jan. 1st, and bring that information back to the Board on Friday, December 29, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed the meeting and reconvened on Friday, December 29, 2006 at 10:00 am to receive further information on the Mud Run.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY MUD RUN:

This matter was held over from Wednesday to allow John Knight to obtain additional information.

The Board had discussed the application for the Mud Run event that is slated to be held New Year's day up on Pittsburg Road. John had been asked to contact the fire department, Sheriff's office and the Road Department to obtain information to get a better idea of what we were facing or what we might want to do.

John stated that this event does not qualify as an Outdoor Mass Gathering, as defined by the new ordinance, because even though over 500 people are expected, there would not be that many for over 24 hours. One of the organizers said there may be 5 people staying overnight. The other ordinance we were concerned about is the Public Road Permit Ordinance or Public Road Event Ordinance and that would be triggered if more than 50 vehicles were parked along the road. Organizers assured us that they have taken care of that issue by on-site parking. Some previous problems sited were muddy vehicles parking on both sides of the road, excessive drinking, and emergency vehicles not being able to get by. After contacting everyone, John suggested that the Board prohibit parking on one side of the road, allow parking on the north side of the road, staggering 3 cars lengths (or truck w/trailer) and then a break or turnout.

Lonny Welter, Columbia County Transportation Planner, introduced photos which he took yesterday of the roadway showing the 23' width. The County Road standards state that road must be 10'+10'+ 3' on each side. His recommendation would be to go with the suggestion by John Knight. Lonny noted that there will be signs on the road that day.

Commissioner Bernhard questioned the emergency vehicles being able to get through. With the staggering done as proposed there should be no problem getting the fire trucks/ambulance through in case of emergency. Regarding the questions of sanitary conditions - port-a-potties have been arranged.

Randy Johnson, Meissner Road: He is one of the organizers for the Mud Run and stated there shouldn't be any parking on the road because they have opened up the site for on-site parking. Food service is being provided by the Yankton Store. They do not allow drinking, however it still happens. There will be a water truck for cleaning up the roads and wash stations for cleaning the rigs before they head out.

Commission Corsiglia stated that one of the concerns was the lack of communication with the event people and would ask that they just touch base with the County and to keep everyone updated. The County is not trying to shut them down, but there are some safety issues that need to be addressed.

George Humphrey, 504 N. 14th, St. Helens, Oregon: He is not affiliated with this group, but has attended these Mud Runs in the past, and stated that they are prepared for any emergencies. He felt this is a big family affair and a big money maker for the community.

John has prepared a Board Order to approve the Mud Run, with conditions. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order #108-2006, "In the Matter of Temporarily Prohibiting the Parking of Vehicles Along a Portion of Pittsburg County Road" and reaffirmed the hours of 12:01 am on December 31, 2006 through 11:50 pm on January 1, 2007, with Exhibit "A" prohibiting temporarily parking on south side and staggering parking on north side- limited to 3 vehicles and then a break/turnout, then 3 more vehicles, etc. The motion passed unanimously.

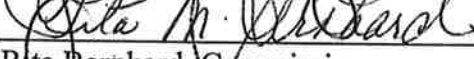
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of December, 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: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Acting Recording Secretary:

By: 
Linda Waters