

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 2, 2007

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.

There was a moment of silence in memory of past President Gerald Ford.

MINUTES:

The minutes of December 20, 2006 were carried over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Barbara Aulbach, 27428 Gibb Road, Scappoose. She owns and operates a dog kennel. She came in to pay her kennel license fee for this year and found out it was going to be \$350. She spoke with the Board and other county staff some time ago about the fees. It was decided that \$350 was too high and Robert Crain agreed to reduce the fee to \$200. So when she came in to pay, she was surprised to find that it was still \$350. When she finally got a hold of Robert, he again agreed to reduce it to \$200, but the paperwork hasn't been completed yet. She is a senior citizens and could reduce her fees to under \$200 but would rather the fee just be reduced. Her concern is why is it so much more important to tax these dogs than any other hobby. There is a bordering stable across from her property and they are not charged a fee for boarding horses. Just to reiterate, her main concern is that the original proposed fee of \$350 is way too high. She feels that Animal Control is trying to fund the department of the backs of the kennel owners. She is happy to pay her fair share and would be willing to pay the \$200, although she feels that is still high.

John Knight felt it is a simple fix by reducing the fees in the current ordinance (Commercial kennels from \$350 to \$200 and Non-commercial kennels from \$250 to \$150). If approved, it should be also approved to refund the difference for anyone that has already paid the original fee.

After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to lower the kennel fees - Commercial kennels from \$350 to \$200 and Non-commercial kennels from \$250 to \$150 - and to refund any fees paid at the old rate. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECT CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2007:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Commissioner Rita Bernhard as Chair of the Board for 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECT VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2007:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Commissioner Anthony Hyde as Vice-Chair for 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT BUDGET OFFICER FOR 2007:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to appoint Commissioner Anthony Hyde as Budget Officer for 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

SET BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES FOR 2007:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to continue the current Board meeting schedule for 2007: Board meetings every Wednesday at or after 10:00 a.m.; Work Sessions every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at or after 10:00 a.m.; and Staff meeting every Wednesday at or after 2:00 p.m., noting that any changes to this schedule will be published. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 12/28/06.
- (B) Approve new Liquor License for Ruby Ranch Cookhouse.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Mayor's Ball in Vernonia, which was a very nice event.

She is looking forward to the upcoming year.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was on vacation last week, however it not the break he was looking for.

His calendar is full and noted all the meetings he will be attending this week.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended the Mayor's ball in Vernonia and had a great time.

He wanted to personally thank all county staff for their hard work over the past year. County staff always seem to do a great job, no matter what the circumstances.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John Knight spoke with Karen Ladd on the contract with Public Health and she wanted to meet to discuss the concerns. John would recommend that only one Commissioner and John Knight meet with a member of the district, not in a quorum. The Board agreed to select the Chair, Commissioner Bernhard to attend that meeting. Commissioner Hyde suggested that the Board meet at their next staff meeting to outline their issues and concerns prior to meeting with the health district. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to designate the Chair to meet with John Knight and a representative of the Health District. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the January 3, 2007 Board meeting and Staff meeting is canceled.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of January, 2007.

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

Recording Secretary:

By:

Jan Greenhalgh