

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS &  
COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

JOINT MEETING  
MINUTES

January 22, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the Columbia County Planning Commission. Present were Columbia County Board Chair Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia. Staff present was Todd Dugdale, LDS Director and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Planning Commission members present were: David Middle, Paula Lichatowich, Guy Letourneau, Gayle Lee, Benita Saatvedt, and Marvin McDonald.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of this meeting was to informally discuss goals, needs, any issues/concerns and mutual priorities.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT:**

Discussion was held on the number of members on the Planning Commission and the suggestion was made of possibly reducing it from 9 members to 7 members because of some problems with getting a quorum. Commissioner Hyde felt reducing the number of members and increasing the number of alternates may work. Having alternates attend the meetings is a very good training ground for when they move up to full time members. Todd stated that, currently, representatives from the Clatskanie and Scappoose areas are needed and it isn't easy recruiting members. Benita suggested changing the way the positions are marketed, not just the newspapers. She suggested posting vacancies with timber companies, Chamber of Commerce, business newsletters, etc. and explain more about the position. Todd stated that there are positions that need to be filled right away and both alternate positions are now vacant. After discussion, the decision was made to keep the membership at 9 positions and 2 alternates and advertise more aggressively.

**MUTUAL PRIORITIES:**

The Commissioners and Planning Commission members shared thoughts, ideas and general philosophies. Commissioner Hyde spoke about a recent issue the Board heard on forest dwellings and that they had decided against what the Planning Commission recommended. He explained why. The County rules is not in sync with the State laws and we need to be. The State removed the "necessary and accessory" rule because of all the litigations they had to deal with. However, the county still has that criteria in our ordinance. Benita has concerns with the lack of information the Planning Commission receives to base their decisions on. Todd and the Board stated that they can request any information they need to help in their decision making. Todd then updated the Board on where staff is with changes to the zoning codes and what will need to be done to incorporate those changes.

General discussion was held on timber lands, road concerns, funding, the loss of O&C funding, and the potential System Development Charge's that the County may be implementing for roads and parks. Todd felt there is no need to make any changes to the Planning Commission ordinance at this time. The Planning Commission was fully aware of the role of alternate members because most had started in that position.

Some discussion was held on a business license for the County. Benita suggested that a volunteer committee be appointed to look into the possibility of a county business license and what other counties are doing. The Board stated they would consider that.

Todd Dugdale gave an update on the changes to the Planning Commission Ordinance as a result of some recent land use hearings.

Commissioner Hyde urged the members to let the board know if they see any training they would like to attend.

The resource amendments will be the most significant changes coming to the Planning Commission in the next year. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board would appreciate any Planning Commission input and recommendations when these amendments come before the Board.

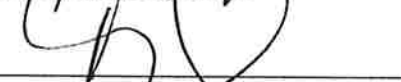
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

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:   
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:   
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By:   
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary