

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 24, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel, Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 17, 2007 Board meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Janet Wright, Dan Garrison and Jan Kenna, members of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, approached the Board to comment on the 2007-2009 Columbia County Rider, ODOT Discretionary Grant Program & Budget and the coordinated plan. Dan explained the work put into this by the committee. A subcommittee was formed to look at the budget. The committee met with the State and did some training and feel they have come up with the best choice as far as what's available and the way the State's priorities are. They are trying to work within the State guidelines and with the funds available. Dan shares some of the survey reports they just received yesterday.

Commissioner Bernhard attended many of the meetings and is familiar with the plan. Commissioner Corsiglia is impressed with the overall work put into this. Commissioner Hyde has looked at the document and feels a lot of work went into it and just wanted to say he appreciates the work put forth by this committee. Jan Kenna wanted to also thank Janet Wright for the work she did in gathering information and putting it together for the committee. Commissioner Bernhard mentioned that this item is on the consent agenda for approval today.

DELIBERATIONS: PACIFIC CASCADE RESOURCES SM RENEWAL:

The Board held a public hearing on this matter on December 13, 2006 and the hearing was closed. On January 10, 2007, the date for deliberations were set for today, January 24, 2007. Todd reviewed the recommended conditions of approval. Fencing, gating and the need to post "No Trespassing" signs were addressed and the Board wanted to see these items included in the conditions. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to tentatively approve Order No. 12-2007, "In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Cascade Resources - Siercks Road Site for Renewal of a Surface Mining Operating Permit #05-0032 for the Period 2006-2011", with staff to draft final conditions of approval. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE METHODOLOGY:

This is the time set for the public hearing to solicit input related to the adoption of a methodology for a Systems Development Charge (SDC).

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner and John Ghilarducci, consultant with FCS Group, were present to review the methodology for a Systems Development Charge for Parks and Transportation. John gave a power point presentation of the SDC Implementation report.

Dave read a prepared letter into the record. Throughout this process, he has heard several comments that the Board should consider adding into the proposed SDC ordinance.

- The Rural Transportation SDC funds shall be spent only within the district from which it was collected;
- The district boundaries for the Rural Transportation SDC shall be per the map provided, which is practically identical to the current Road Department maintenance district boundaries;
- The Rural Transportation and Parks SDC's shall be fixed at the amount as recommended by staff, and adjusted annually according to the Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index for the City of Seattle (there is no ENR CCI for the City of Portland);
- The Rural Transportation and Parks SDC's shall be reviewed bi-annually and any proposed increase above the ENR CCI shall only be made after a hearing before the Board of Commissioners;
- After a Memorandum of Understanding (similar to the one in Appendix C of the "Feasibility and Implementation of System Development Charges; Parks and Transportation" report) from the City within Columbia County is accepted, the County shall collect transportation and parks SDC's in each Urban Growth Area in an amount identical to the SDC fees that have been adopted by the particular city;
- The effective date for initial collection of SDC's shall be 90 days after adoption of the ordinance;
- The date of submittal of building plans is the effective date for SDC fees;

The hearing was opened for general public testimony

Ernie Plat, representing the Home Builders Association, Portland: He is here to speak in support of instituting the Systems Development Charge. He has had numerous conversations with county staff on the methodology and the proposed ordinance. He believes that many of the questions that he and his members have had have all been answered. The points brought up by Dave Hill address questions that he had. He is a local government affairs contact for Metro Association of Portland which covers 5 counties. In those five counties, we have 47 agencies that collect SDC's. This is probably overdue for this county.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Sarah would suggest that the Board take a week to review the ordinance prior to the first reading. With that, there was a consensus of the Board to carry deliberations over to January 31, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 1/23/07.
- (B) Final Order No. 6-2007, "In the Matter of the Application by the Columbia County Sheriff and Morse Bros., Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit, Site Design Review and Change in Operating Hours at the Reichold Mining Site".
- (C) Final Order No. 7-2007, "In the Matter of the Application by Morse Bros., Inc. To Amend Operating Permit #05-0077 to Conduct Mining within the Setback of the Reichold Mining Site".
- (D) Final Order No. 8-2007, "In the Matter of the Application of Kevin Bender, dba Western States Development for a Non-Resource Dwelling in the Primary Forest Zone".
- (E) Final Order No. 9-2007, "In the Matter of the Application of Kevin Bender, dba Western States Development, for 2 Resource Dwellings in the Primary Forest Zone."
- (F) Ratify Order No. 11-2007, "In the Matter of Claim No. CL 07-02 for Compensation under Measure 37 submitted by Don West".
- (G) Final Order No. 13-2007, "In the Matter of the Applications of Terry Deaton for a Modification of a Condition of Preliminary Partition Approval and Modification of Columbia County Road Standards". (***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***)
- (H) Authorize the Emergency Management Director to fill the position of Emergency Management Coordinator.
- (I) Approve 2007 Social Gaming License for the Wayside Inn.
- (J) Approve new 2007 Liquor License for the St. Helens Golf Course.
- (K) ***Accept*** the 2007-2009 Columbia County Rider Oregon Department of Transportation Discretionary Grant Program & Budget and the Coordinated Plan, ***and authorize the Chair to sign.***

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (L) Ratify Amendment #1 to the State Grant Agreement #22591 with ODOT, Public Transit Division.
- (M) Ratify Grant Agreement #22588 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for Section 5310 Program.
- (N) Amendment #2 to the Facility Grant Cooperative Agreement #1255 with the State Marine Board for JJ Collins Transient Tie-Up and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (G) - TERRY DEATON MODIFICATION:

Sarah reviewed Final Order No. 13-2007, "In the Matter of the Applications of Terry Deaton for a Modification of a Condition of Preliminary Partition Approval and Modification of Columbia County Road Standards". She wanted to clarify the conditions with the Board and include specific requirements so that Ms. Deaton is clear on what she will need to do. Dave Hill will be putting those specifics in writing which will be attached to the final order. Sarah will need to articulate the changes and get the information from Dave Hill prior to approval. The order should be ready for approval at the Board's 2:00 pm staff meeting. Ms. Deaton is trying to get this closed before the end of the month.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was in Salem last Thursday and Friday to attend the Oregon Consortium quarterly meeting. Discussion was held on the Workforce Investment Act and training for dislocated workers and others and how that can be improved upon. Also discussed putting trade schools in the high schools, which is critical for those who won't be moving on to college.

The Board held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday night to discuss goals, concerns, priorities, etc.

Last night, she attended the Parks meeting. A lot of discussion was held on the improvements being made at Camp Wilkerson, specifically the horse trails - that group is very happy with the work going on up there.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde appreciated the conversation held during the joint meeting with the Planning Commission. It helps the Board to connect with committees to discuss issues.

He attended a meeting on Emergency Management and Homeland Security. He is working on the development of an Emergency Management Commission.

Yesterday, Senator Wyden, Smith and Polowski, introduced a bill that is a rider on the minimum wage bill to extend it one year. The President's budget comes out on February 5, 2007.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia enjoyed the joint meeting with the Planning Commission. It was a good meeting and it's nice to see volunteers who want to participate.

He mentioned that Senator Wyden will be here Saturday night at 5:00 pm at the Tech Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e):

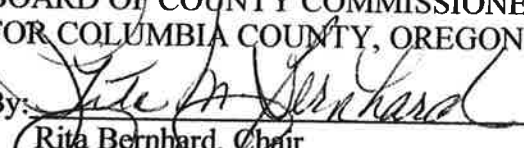
The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

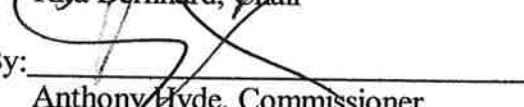
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

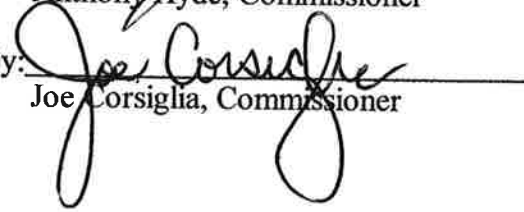
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of January, 2007.

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: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh