

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 31, 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:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Board meeting; January 22, 2007 Board/Planning Commission meeting; and January 24, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the January 23, 2007 Work Session and January 24, 2007 Board meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Thelma Bonar, Tammy Maygra, approached the Board to submit another initiative in the hopes that it is put before the voters. If necessary, they will go out for signatures. They are just asking for the same consideration given to the Health District. Thelma stated that under ORS 198.115, Pamela Powell cannot be a spokesperson or on the governing Board of the Health District because she is an employee of the Health District. Commissioner Hyde read the ORS and stated that the ORS does not say anywhere that Pam cannot be a spokesperson. That would imply that even this Board could not have an employee as a spokesperson. Thelma was informed by an attorney stated that Pam cannot be a spokesperson. Commissioner Corsiglia asked if either has talked with Oregon Special Districts to determine if Pam serve as a spokesperson and, if not, they should get an opinion from the OSD.

Moving on, Thelma made the comment that the Health District can go out for a bond without the vote of the people. Commissioner Hyde firmly stated that the Health District cannot go out for increased taxes without taking it to the voters. He explained that when the Hospital Coalition and Health District came before this Board to put the new health district on the ballot, they had the support of all the cities involved. He suggested that if Tammy and Thelma were to get the support of those cities on their issues, the Board would put it on the ballot. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that when the district wanted this on the ballot, the district agreed to pay for the election, win or lose. To be fair, if Tammy and Thelma wanted something on the ballot, the same standards would apply and they would need to pay for it, win or lose. The other option is to go out and get signatures, which is allowed by Oregon law. Commissioner Corsiglia understands that, several weeks ago, the health district had breached their contract with the County in a number of ways. The Board names Commissioner Bernhard and John Knight to meet with the Health District to resolve those issues. Thelma then asked Commissioner Bernhard for the same

consideration as given to Pamela Powell and be invited to the health district meeting that Commissioner Bernhard will be attending. Thelma promised to be a thorn in the side of the health district until it is corrected. Tammy stated that all they want is accountability by the health district, not to destroy it. She and Thelma are both in support of health care for this county, just not the way it is currently structured.

PUBLIC HEARING: PORT OF ST. HELENS ZONE CHANGE FROM RR-5 TO AI:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Rural Residential (RR-5) to Airport Industrial (AI)".

Sarah stated that there has been a request by the Port of St. Helens to postpone this hearing one week.

With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to carry this hearing over to Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATIONS: ORDINANCE #2007-1 - SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CHARGE:

This is the time set for deliberations on Ordinance No. 2007-1, adopting a methodology for a Systems Development Charge. Sarah explained that this ordinance is not yet complete and therefore not ready for a first reading. At this time, she is just asking for any comments from the Board on the ordinance.

Commissioner Bernhard received comments from some people in Clatskanie last night regarding the SDC and felt they are going to be charged more than they should be. Commissioner Hyde stated that if you went by capital improvements that are needed and projections of housing starts, Clatskanie was through the roof and the Board did not agree with that. We even reduced it down to the lowest level in the County. Commissioner Corsiglia feels that the piece of information that is most important to him is that the public perceives that it is a tax burden on them. The message needs to be clear that growth creates a burden and the County is trying relieve the burden on the current tax payers.

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, stated that, according to the study, the Clatskanie District could be close to \$20,000 for a single family residence, which is well above anyone else. He feels that it is important to have a consistent fee throughout the rural area of the county. So we decided to have a uniform fee throughout the rural area. The fee we would be charging of \$2,250 is considerably lower than the City of Scappoose and the City of St. Helens charges. This is a very reasonable fee.

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, spoke on the methodology in part on the projections of population growth. Historically, Clatskanie has had a couple of period of loss population. That trend is

changing and the demand is altered in the methodology. As the population increases, the fee per trip would then be reduced.

Commissioner Corsiglia addressed the cities SDC's and that their fees will change with updates. Will the County be depending on their decisions to set our fees, will we be sharing in those decisions, or will we be applying a model of our own to determine any fee changes. Sarah stated that the Board would need to hold a public hearing and amend the ordinance to adopt any methodology. That is also covered in the agreement with the cities. Todd would foresee some type of joint hearing process on that.

Commissioner Bernhard feels that this SDC process has gone very well and we have covered all the bases that need to be covered. Even the Homebuilders Association is in favor of this, who were opposed to the original ordinance a few years back. She just wanted to thank the staff for all the hard work they have done on this.

After discussion, deliberations were carried over one week to February 7, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. Sarah asked that the Board look at the appeal process that is included in the ordinance and decide whether or not they want that process included.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. After review of Items (B) and (C), Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 1/30/07.
- (B) Order No. 14-2007, "In the Matter of Amending the Due Date for Dog Licenses".
- (C) Order No. 15-2007, "In the Matter of Prohibiting the Parking of Vehicles Along Certain Public or County Roads in Columbia County".
- (D) Authorize the General Services Director, with the advice of County Counsel and the Classification and Compensation Committee, to proceed with negotiating the final terms of the contract with Milliman.
- (E) Approve 2007 Liquor License renewals for Scipio's Goble Landing and Multnomah Channel Yacht Club.
- (F) Authorize the Community Corrections Director to fill one vacant Parole/ Probation Officer position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #52 to the 2005-2007 Intergovernmental Agreement #113022 with DHS.
- (H) Approve Indemnity Agreement with Loren Williams and authorize Dave Hill to sign.
- (I) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team, Inc. for Healthy Start.
- (J) GIS Data License Agreement with Northern Resources Consulting, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

MEASURE 37 CLAIM FILED BY RICHARD & SHIRLEY BLOOMFELDT:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, gave the staff report on a Measure 37 Claim filed by Richard and Shirley Bloomfeldt (CL 07-03). They are claiming a reduction in fair market value to their property, 37.11 acres zoned FA-19 in Clatskanie, Oregon. The request is to subdivide the parcel into 7 three acre residential lots and 2 seven-acre residential lots. They are claiming a loss of fair market in the amount of \$348,000. Todd stated that, because this is a revocable trust, it goes back to the original date. Therefore, staff finds that a waiver is in order and recommends approval of this M37 claim.

Sarah stated that the order before the Board is a draft prepared by Anne Briggs. Sarah will be finalizing the order and will bring it back to the Board next week for action.

PETITION TO RENAME (5) ROADS IN THE HILLCREST SUBDIVISION:

Todd Dugdale reviewed a request by Columbia Hills Development to rename five roads in the Hillcrest subdivision. This subdivision was platted in the 1950's and some street names applied at that time have been since duplicated elsewhere in the county. To help accommodate recent and upcoming development of the subdivision, the applicant proposes several street name changes to both eliminate the duplication of names and reorganize the street names. Ultimately, the goal is to avoid confusion and better accommodate emergency response. The applicant is proposing many street name changes to be done over time in batches. The first batch involves 5 existing street names be changed to four new names as follows: Dogwood to Sage Street, Trillium Drive to Wildwoodland Court, Briarwood Drive to Briarwood Court, and Ridgeway Drive and Overlook Avenue to Briarwood Drive. No comments in opposition were received. After discussion, Sarah will draft a final order for Board approval.

PACIFIC CASCADE RESOURCES SURFACE MINING RENEWAL:

Sarah has prepared the final order and, if no questions, it is ready for approval. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order No. 12-2007, "In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Cascade Resources - Sierks Road Site for

Renewal of Surface Mining Operating Permit #05-0032 for the Period 2006-2011". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended an informational meeting in Clatskanie put on by DEQ on the Summit project. There were a lot of people in attendance, and many good questions asked.

On Saturday, she attended Senator Wyden's town hall meeting in St. Helens. He answered a lot of questions from the public and a good opportunity for the Board to meet with him and other elected officials.

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, she participated in AOC training for Commissioners, on different issues, projects and a lot of areas of concern for the counties statewide.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde went to Salem last Wednesday to work on a forum to present to the Governor. Directly afterwards, he met with Representative Brad Witt to discuss issues effecting Columbia County.

He attended a meeting on Homeland Security.

He met with Congressman Wu to talk about the education committee the Wu sits on regarding the Rural Schools bill.

He spoke at the AOC training last week.

He attended the LPSCC meeting, spent time with DEQ on the City of Vernonia's sewer system and attended the Clatskanie DEQ meeting last night.

We will be finding out today how the vote went on the PL 106.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Clatskanie Arts Commission meeting this week and the Cultural Trust meeting this week. They are trying to find someone to represent the St. Helens area.

He attended a fund raiser at the Clatskanie Grange to raise funds for the drug dog. They have raised over \$10,000.

He was invited to the 5:00 session with Senator Wyden's prior to his town hall meeting. Senator Wyden should be applauded for the time he takes to come out to this county to hear from the constituents.

There was no Executive Session held.


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

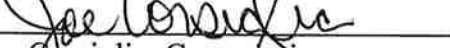
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 31st day of January, 2007.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

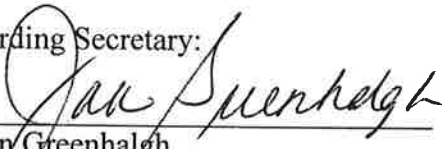
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh