

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with 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 March 7, 2007 Board meeting and March 7, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

***Wayne Mayo, 415 S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Helens:*** He understands that the loss of the timber tax is going to create a huge problem with the county budget and has some suggestions. When the Depletion tax was established, it was for anything coming in or going out of the county. He doesn't believe that USG is paying anything in depletion fees. He would ask that the Board direct staff to research this. Commissioner Hyde explained that when the Depletion Fee was established and amended, it was only intended for aggregate. This ordinance was amended when Fred Meyers was built to help even the playing field and make it more competitive for our local aggregate companies. Gypsum is not mined in this county and was not included. Wayne feels it may have been intended only aggregate to begin with, but it may be time to look at this again to generate more revenue for the county. If the ordinance can not be re-interpreted, then maybe a new ordinance needs to be developed. Commissioner Hyde agrees that it may be time to take something to the voters. Commissioner Corsiglia suggested Wayne make an appointment with him to go over the ordinance.

His second issue is with Jail revenue. Wayne feels it is time to go back to the cities and ask them to start paying for their own inmates. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that that number is relatively small because the inmates would need to be in violation of a city code, not State code.

Wayne still believes that the County needs to look at the Depletion Fee ordinance and also consider changing it so that revenue can be used for things other than roads.

The Board understands the concerns and appreciates Wayne's comments. The Board is looking at a number of things to generate revenue.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2007-3 - PORT OF ST. HELENS ZONE CHANGE:**

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2007-3, "In the Matter of the Application of the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Rural Residential (RR05) to Airport Industrial (AI)".

Sarah stated that there have been no changes to this ordinance since the first reading two weeks ago. At this time, Sarah gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2007-3, by title only.

With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-3, "In the Matter of the Application of the Port of St. Helens for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Rural Residential (RR05) to Airport Industrial (AI)". The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING: SCAPPOOSE SAND & GRAVEL LIMITED EXEMPT PERMIT:**

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of Scappoose Sand & Gravel Co. for a Limited Exemption Mining Certificate to Mine 10 Acres".

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to inform them that Scott Parker has requested that this hearing be carried over one week. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to continue this hearing to Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 3/13/07.
- (B) 2007 Liquor License Renewals for:  
- Scappoose Creek Inn

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (C) Amendment #56 to the 2005-2007 Intergovernmental Agreement #113022 with DHS.
- (D) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the OTIA III Local Agency Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Yesterday, Commissioner Bernhard attended a Rail Coordinator Study meeting to discuss the scope of services for the rail study going between Portland to Tongue Point. All the communities are involved in this process and working together on it.

Over the weekend, the Historical Society held a 100 year anniversary gathering for the Old Courthouse at the Chamber. A lot of history was displayed which was very interesting. On another note, the County is working to get the museum open again for public use.

On Friday, she attended a Human Services Committee meeting in Salem. A lot of discussion was held on the treatment and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. A Veterans' Services bill and other services were discussed.

Last week, she spoke at a Civic's class at the Scappoose High School. It is always interesting to hear what the students have to say.

She attended the Clatskanie PUD meeting the other night. They continue to work on issues effecting that area.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde reported on his trip to Washington DC last week. He was able meet with a number of legislators while on the hill. There were 27 in the group from Oregon who met with delegates. The re-authorization of the Secure Rural School funding was the biggest topic of concern and work. It looks like there will be a one year extension of this funding. Senator Wyden is working on a bill to extend it 6 years, although there will be reductions annually. There will be a continued effort to get this funding secured.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, he attended a meeting at AOC who did a power point presentation to a number of legislators on what the loss of this funding means to Oregon and how it will change the way counties do business.

Yesterday, he attended a TOPOFF meeting regarding an upcoming Emergency Management/ Homeland Security exercise, which will be huge.

He attended other meetings in Vernonia and Scappoose.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia attended an LGAC meeting in Salem last week. It was interesting to see how different DHS's attitude is this year, compared to last year when their funding was down.

He continues to work on the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the County Courthouse.

There was no Executive Session held.

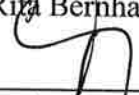
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

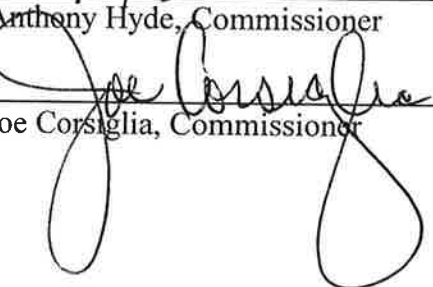
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

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