

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

March 29, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbia River PUD building, Deer Island, Oregon. Present were Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Janet Wright. Also present was Dave Hill, Lonny Welter, Aaron Clodfelter, Jerry Simmons and the Weighmaster.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. She did the introductions and a brief outline of this meeting.

Dave Hill, Public Works Director presented a power-point presentation to give an overview of the current road structure problem areas and funding mechanisms. After the presentation, the group asked a variety of questions and came up with some ideas to generate revenue for improvements to Columbia County roads, as follows: Infrastructure fee; citing offenders into the Justice Court so the county retains more of the fines; increasing the Axle permit; the recently adopted Systems Development Charge; trucking industry support for Level 6 Axle grouping and weight permits; placing a weigh shack on Pittsburg Road; and register more trucks in Columbia County. Dave noted that in Pacific County, they pre-charge a fee. Any damages to the road go back to the users and they fix it. One way to increase the amount of years the road is useful is to have good drainage on the roads. Dave briefly went over the road event process and what is done to recoup money for damages. It is the intent of the Road Department to convert some roads back to gravel that have been chip sealed because of the high cost of maintenance.

Commissioner Hyde suggested that those who have immediate road issues should stay around after the meeting so that their issues can be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The Board then met with representatives of Reeves Logging regarding a logging operation on Pisgah Home Road. The road currently has weight restrictions on it and it is effecting their operation. After discussion on the issues, the Board agreed to allow logging on Holladay and Pisgah Home Road, beginning April 1, 2007 and directed Dave Hill to work with the logger to address the issue. This will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

There was no Executive Session held.


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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29th day of March, 2007.

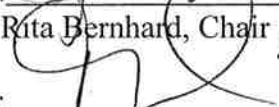
NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:


Rita Bernhard, Chair

By:


Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:


Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By:


Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary