COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 9, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard 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 Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2007 Board meeting and May 2, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD SCHOLAR AWARDS:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, stated that the Oregon Technology Transfer (T2) Center created a Road Scholar program in 2001 to enhance the skills of road maintenance employees by providing training on procedures and technology. In order to complete the program, participants are required to complete ten core classes and four elective courses. Eight road department employees have completed the program and the T2 Center has provided a mug and a certificate to be awarded to them.

The Board then formally presented the plaques and gift bags to the following Road Department employees that have completed the program: Jeff Peterson, Terry Miller, Ryan Allen, Ted Healy, Rick Baer, Jeff Goodman, Joe Harris and Kelley Lungberg.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. After brief comments by Tom Fuller on Item (L), Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 5/8/07.
- (B) Ratify Subdivision Plat for Bruce Hall Subdivision in Greenwood Acres.
- (C) Order No. 104-2007, "In the Matter of the Abatement of a Nuisance Created by the Accumulation of Solid Waste on Tax Account No. 4119-014-001400 by Leland Ebert".

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- (D) Order No. 105-2007, Findings and Conclusions, "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".
- (E) Approve Personnel Action for Walt Pesterfield.
- (F) Authorize the LDS Director to fill one half time Animal Control Specialist Position in the Animal Control Program.
- (G) Approve letter of support for Community Action Teams 2007 CDBG grant for the continued operation of the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Center.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Joint Permit Application and submit it to the US Army Corps of Engineers for he Hermo Road Access.
- (I) Approve the submittal of the Special Transportation Fund Formula Program Application for the 2007/2009 biennium and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Approve the submittal of the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program Solicitation Application for FY 2007 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Approve Microwave Transmission System Access Agreement with the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District.
- (L) Fifth Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Parametrix

The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT #1 TO PSC WITH PARAMETRIX, INC:

Sarah briefed the Board on Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Parametrix, Inc. for bridge replacement work and recommended approval. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Parametrix, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard commented on the Budget Committee meeting held yesterday. The process has been difficult this year but the Board had good support from the Department Heads and the Financial Director. She noted that public hearings will be held in Rainier and St. Helens prior to adoption of the budget.

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She attended the St. Helens Planning Commission meeting last night, where the tire ReKlaim application was set to be heard. The hearing was continued to May 15th at the St. Helens High School because of the amount of people in attendance.

Last weekend, she attended the Children's Fair in Rainier; the Safe Kids event at Wal-Mart; and the Spring Fling event at Avamere.

Commissioner Bernhard reported on the NWACT meeting she attended last Thursday at Fort Clatsop.

The same day, she also attended the NOHA meeting. One topic of discussion was the issue of recent suspensions of assistance and the Board is looking at that to see how those determinations are made and what can be done to improve the process.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

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COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended Ticor Title's grand opening last Thursday. They unveiled the historic photos he helped gather up.

He also attended the Boy Scouts annual garage sale at Grabhorn Enterprises.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th day of May, 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 Not Present By: Anthony Hyde, Commissioner unpulgh By: Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner