

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 16, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was attending a class and was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2007 Budget Meeting; May 9, 2007 Board meeting and May 9, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island: Tammy asked if there have been any new developments on Asburry Acres. Commissioner Bernhard stated that there have been discussions at the Park meetings. They are looking at doing a number of different things at the park, such as putting in a track around the park, installing swing sets, nature trails, etc. They also need to work on mitigating the wetlands and determine the costs and how they are going to do that.

Tammy then asked if the Board is aware of any lawsuit against the Fairgrounds because of issues with the security at last years fair. The Board is not aware of any lawsuit and, if there were, they could not speak on any pending lawsuit. Sarah stated that she is not aware of any lawsuit filed.

Tammy then asked for clarification on the GIS Data License Agreement with Willamette Riverskeeper that's on the consent agenda. Sarah explained that a number of companies contract with the county for our GIS data.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 5/15/07.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Bailey Park Subdivision.
- (C) Appoint Phil Butcher to the Columbia County Planning Commission, to replace Jeff VanNatta, term to expire December 31, 2009.

- (D) Authorize four weeks of severance pay for any non-union regular employee with five or more years of County service who is laid off.
- (E) Authorize the Public Works Director to fill the Parks Department Secretary position.
- (F) Order No. 107-2007, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract for Purchase and Installation of Microwave Transmission Equipment for Columbia County Rider Transportation and Determination of Sole Source and Authorize the Commission Chair to Sign the Contract".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) GIS Data License Agreement with Willamette Riverkeeper.
- (H) Amendment #60 to the 2005-2007 Intergovernmental Agreement with DHS.
- (I) Ratify the Chairs signature on the Reconveyance of Trust Deed Documents for property at 63664 Nehalem Hwy N, Vernonia, Oregon.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended Tire Reclaim meeting at the High School last night, which lasted until after midnight. The majority of the people there were opposed to the application. She was impressed to see that there were many younger people there who were really showing interest in the community. The St. Helens Planning Commission left the record open on this application for 7 days. Commissioner Hyde noted that this Board has no influence on this application because it is out of their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Parks meeting last night.

She also attended the League of Women's Voter meeting. They are in need of new/more members and, if not successful in obtaining more members, they may have to disband.

She attended the Fair Board meeting the other night. Jean Ripa, John Knight and Joe Schultz were there to discuss volunteers and insurance coverage.

Yesterday, she attended the MHAC & LADPC meetings. They are both in need of interested members.

On Friday, she was in Salem for the Human Services meeting - discussed budget shortfalls.

The Board held Planning Commission interviews last week and will be appointing one member today.

She attended the Rainier Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday night. They are looking at some changes in their membership, meeting nights, attracting people, etc.

She had lunch with a couple of residents at Rose Valley Assisted Living last week. There have been some ongoing issues at the facility. There has been a lot of changes with staff but they are now looking at ways to improve their services. The residents seem to be ok with the new administration.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last Tuesday, Commissioner Hyde left for Fairbanks, Alaska to attend the NACo Board meeting, as a Board of Director. Meetings were held on timber issues, public lands, and major discussions were held on the reauthorization of PL 106-393.

On Monday, he was in Salem at 5:30 am to give a speech. He met with Senator Wyden on PL 106-393.

Last night, he did his last presentation on funding for emergency management at West Oregon Electric. He let them know that all other entities approached are participating.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Not present.

AMENDED ORDER NO. 102-2007 - SCAPPOOSE SAND & GRAVEL PERMIT:

Sarah spoke with each Commissioner on this matter and it is now ready for action. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve **Amended** Order No. 102-2007, "In the Matter of the Application of Scappoose and & Gravel Company for a Limited Exemption Mining Certificate to Mine 10 Acres. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16th 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

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Not Present

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner