

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 23, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard (by phone), Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with Sarah Hanson, Assistant County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde 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 16, 2007 Board meeting and May 16, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE FOR HEALTHY START PROGRAM:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, introduced Margie Smith, Program Manager for Healthy Start, Karen VanTassell, Program Manager for Healthy Start at the State level for the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, Sunday Kampei, Local Program Supervisor, Jim Wilson, Chair of the local Health Start Advisory Board, and Joyce Ervin, Director of Child and Family Development Program for Community Action Team.

Karen VanTassell - This is a chance to celebrate and acknowledge the huge accomplishment of the Columbia County Healthy Start program. They have become one of only 13 programs in Oregon that were selected to be a model representative program to go through the full Healthy Families of America certification process for home visiting programs for young families, and will be nationally recognized. Each one of the 13 selected sites has to pass or else the state as a whole does not. So we were really hanging on each and every one of these programs. The Columbia County group really rose to this challenge. Margie and Jan have been involved at the state level in the Steering Committee and sort of piloting this effort and they really emerged as leaders in the state. Sunday is taking the steps to become a national peer reviewer for this program. She will eventually end up going to other states to make sure that their programs are following the same high standards.

Commissioner Hyde asked how Oregon stacks up in terms of the states that are being credentialed? Karen stated that it's going to be one of only 7 in the nation. Further, we've been part of an international movement where people from Japan have come and visited our programs here and they were so impressed that they've invited people from Oregon, including myself, to go there and talk to them about it. Just this April they've rolled out a Healthy Families program nation-wide, based mainly on the influence they've had from Oregon.

With that said, Karen presented Certificates of Accomplishment to the Board of Commissioners, Jan Kenna and Sunday Kampei. She also has additional certificates for staff members. The Board thanked everyone for their hard work on this program.

HEARING: FORREST HEMEON LAND PARTITION IN PA-38 ZONE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of an Application of Forrest L. & Geraldine L. Hemeon for a Land Partition in the Primary Agriculture (PA-38) Zone".

Sarah Hanson informed the Board that staff is recommending that this hearing be held over due to some problems getting the staff report put together in time and getting it out to the applicant. The applicant is aware that staff is requesting an extension to June 13th. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to move this hearing to June 13, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 5/22/07.
- (B) Reappoint Benita Saatvedt and Guy Letourneau to the Columbia County Planning Commission for a 4 year term.
- (C) Appoint Ted White and Diana Zurich as alternates to the Columbia County Planning Commission.
- (D) Appoint Gloria Culbertson and Joan Cisneros to the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families for a (4) year term.
- (E) Appoint Rod Bennion, Mark Nations, Rosemary Lohrke, Melvin Moore, John Krause, Bill Goodwin, Dwayne Barnes, Bonnie Thomas, Nita Greene to the Columbia County Transportation/Road Advisory Committee.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Approve the Public Service Contract with Day Wireless Systems in the amount of \$77,205.00 for the installation of the Microwave Transmission Equipment for the Columbia County Rider Transportation System and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Approve the Public Service Contract with Bemis Printing, in the amount of **\$832.60** to print 40 copies of the Crown Zellerbach Trail Development Concept Plan and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Community Corrections work crew labor.
- (I) FY 2007 FTA Certifications and Assurances with the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a GOBHI conference in Bend last week. They discussed the shortage of funds and there were a variety of presenters there who talked about specific mental health issues - drug and alcohol treatments. It was a good conference she was glad she was able to attend.

She also went to the Sacagawea fund raiser Saturday night at the Olde School. It was very well attended and she believes they raised a record amount.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Thursday and Friday working with the co-chairs on a few budget items that affect the counties. He also attended the OECDD Commission hearing where the main topic of business was the budget, and how we're going to make up for \$147 million of lost revenue in the Governor's budget.

The highlight of the week was yesterday when the Vernonia Girls Softball team was playing Umatilla County in the state finals, and they hooked 'em! So they're moving on. They have a pitcher who is so good, she's been recruited by the University of Illinois with full ride.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Oregon State Extension Budget, so that is covered for the year. He went to the ICS 200-Series and completed that course, and hoping to move on through 3 and 4 this summer sometime. They get more difficult each time.

Yesterday, he attended the ROCN Budget Hearing which passed unanimously for another year. It's a good achievement, because about four years ago, they had thought they were going to need to wind down their organization due to lack of funding and now, through some creative ways to keep it alive, it's turned and starting to grow the other direction, so their future looks pretty healthy.

He was astonished last night, as were many Blazer fans, that Portland got the first pick in the draft. While it might seem kind of superficial, he believes that what we'll see as a result of that in years to come, will be a dramatic effect on Portland and their attitude and probably the economic development throughout the state. If you see what it's done for other cities when

they get in that position, it is an amazing thing to watch. It really could change the amount of attention that's paid to our region considerably over the next 5 or 6 years.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd 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

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh