

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 25, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with 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 July 18, 2007 Board meeting. 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 7/24/07.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Hammerbeck & Morus.
- (C) Ratify the Cultural Coalition 2007 Grant Application for History Photo Display.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Building Inspection and Plan Reviews.
- (E) Grant Agreement #24263 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for Capital Vehicle Purchase.
- (F) Authorize Todd Dugdale to enter into the Agreements to Stay Land Use Time Lines for Application in Measure 37 Claims.
- (G) Approve contract with TFT, Inc. for Phase 1b Road Improvements.
- (H) Amendment #1 to the 2005-2006 Fund Exchange Agreement #23,110 with ODOT for Beaver Creek Bridges No. 00138 and 00140 & Beaver Falls Guardrail Replacement.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO FILM MOVIE SEGMENT IN OLD COURTHOUSE AREA:

The Board received an email from Bill Potter regarding a request from Thad Smith, One-Eighty Films, Inc., who is filming a movie on WWII. He is requesting authority to shoot a scene in the Old Courthouse on August 7th for just one day. Judge Grove has given his approval and all necessary paperwork has been received. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the request by Thad Smith to use a portion of the Old Courthouse on August 7, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

The Board spent a good part of the day yesterday at Scappoose City Hall in a meeting with the Governor's Economic Revitalization Team. It was a good exchange of information and participants were able to speak with the state agencies on issues.

Over the weekend, she spent a great deal of time out at the Fair. The weather wasn't very good, but Saturday was better and it got very busy. The weather has a great deal to do with attendance.

Last Thursday, she attended the dedication of the new PGE facility out at Port Westward. The County is very excited about the development taking place out at Port Westward.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the meeting yesterday with the Governor's Economic Revitalization Team. This is a regional body made up of state agencies that meet monthly to mitigate issues in the region. It was a good opportunity for the Port and the County to address this group and discuss issues the county is facing. Commissioner Hyde would like to see more of these meetings in the surrounding communities.

On Monday, he met with Chris Antillia of Weyerhaeuser regarding the CZ Trail expansion. There were a couple of glitches in the property lines, which Jerry Kennon has dealt with, and it looks like Weyerhaeuser is ready to prepare a deed. Commissioner Hyde informed Chris that after this is complete, the county could be coming to them about acquiring Camp 8.

Commissioner Hyde also attended the Fair. It was a good Fair but the weather really had an impact on the attendance.

On Thursday, he attended the dedication of the new PGE facility at Port Westward.

Last week, he was in Richmond, Virginia attending a NACo conference. There was a lot of discussion held on the reauthorization of PL 106.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia enjoyed the Fair and happy to report that they set a new record for Grange bingo. He had some conversation with a few of the Fair Board members and passed on some good comments and some complaints he had received.

He also attended the PGE dedication in Clatskanie.

He mentioned that there is a lot going on around the county this time of year and he has attended quite a few of them.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Stephanie Klepel, 34067 Sykes Road, St. Helens: When the Board met with the Revitalization Team yesterday, the Board stated they talked about roads and rail and Stephanie asked for specifics. Commissioner Hyde clarified that it was issues surrounding the Port Westward area. Commissioner Corsiglia added that these issues also effect other communities in the county and that he has had some concerns with those effects.

Stephanie then asked if there is an Economic Development plan for the County and, if so, can she get a copy. The Board stated that was public record and advised her to complete a public records request form with their office.

Wayne Mayo, 415 South 2nd St., St. Helens: After talking with the Spotlight and many other people, Wayne has made some changes to his proposal. First, he has changed his mind on the sign issue because that seems to be the sticking point. Also, he would change the designation to "Legal Workers Only". He has decided to take this to the voters by way of an initiative. He pointed out that this has nothing to do with race, etc., it's a matter of economics. Many locals have been put out of business because of illegal workers and that effects us all.

Commissioner Bernhard stated her concerns with this because it is such a huge issue for this small county to resolve on its own and it is a federal matter and should be addressed at the federal level. Wayne is not asking the Board to do anything now. He intends to get signatures himself and take it to the voters. This is effecting many local people and businesses. Whatever country these people come from, they need to be here legally and expected to abide by our laws because they are guests of this country.

Commissioner Bernhard did some checking and understands that our law enforcement cannot arrest people because they believe they are here illegally. They have to have committed a crime. She suggested that Wayne check with the Bureau of Labor & Industries and the various trade organizations for assistance.

Commissioner Corsiglia carefully reviewed what Wayne was asking for, but with the changes he is making today, is he asking the County to do something illegal? Wayne said no.

Commissioner Hyde can appreciate what Wayne is trying to do here, however, he agrees that this is a federal issue and they need to do something about it. To whatever level we can raise that will get our federal government to do something, we need to. Commissioner Hyde stated that he cannot support having signs or profiling by our law enforcement.

Wayne feels this country is reaching critical mass as far as immigration and something needs to be done. Maybe it needs to start at the local level.


There was no Executive Session held.

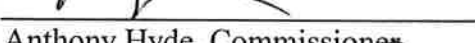
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th day of July, 2007.

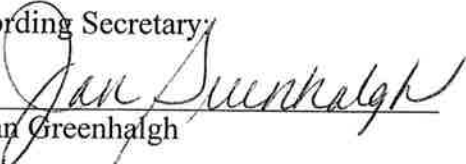
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:
By: 
Jan Greenhalgh