

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 29, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Spencer Parsons, 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 Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2007 Board meeting and August 15, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Keith Locke and Harry Maurer came before the Board representing the Ford Foundation Community Leaders group. As the Board is aware, their project is to improve a 2 mile section of the CZ trail between Hwy 30 and the B&B Market on Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy. It would include removal of invasive vegetation, the creation of a landscaped trail head and designated parking area, installation of railings on the bridge crossing Scappoose Creek near Hwy 30, among other things. Keith asked about the use of a brushhog to help remove the overgrowth and blackberries. The intended groundbreaking for this project will be Saturday, September 22nd starting at 10:00 am and invited the Board to attend. There are approximately 30 volunteers who will be there to start the project. Keith has prepared a letter of support for a grant through the Ford Foundation for \$5,000 for this project and is asking for the Board's approval and signature.

Regarding the volunteers, Commissioner Corsiglia suggested Keith check with Community Corrections about the possibility of using the work crew. Commissioner Bernhard also suggested the Keith meet with Sarah and Dave to work out any details on the legal issues and equipment.

2nd READING: ORDINANCE #2007-8 - BEAVER VALLEY ZONE CHANGE:

This is the time set for the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2007-8, "In the Matter of the Application of Beaver Valley's Back Yard Garden Products, Inc., for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Community Service - Recreation (CS-R) to Primary Forest (PF-76)". The first reading was held on August 15, 2007.

Spencer gave the second reading of Ordinance 2007-8, by title only. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-8, "In the Matter of the Application of Beaver Valley's Back Yard Garden Products, Inc., for a

Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Community Service - Recreation (CS-R) to Primary Forest (PF-76)". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. After some discussion and clarification of impact costs on Item (C) & (F), Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 8/21/07 & 8/28/07.
- (B) Ratify Subdivision Plat for Asset Construction "Tolus Park".
- (C) Ratify the Public Road Event Permit for "Hood to Coast".
- (D) Order No. 131-2007, "In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services Contract for the Provision of Consulting Project Management Services from the Screening and Selection Procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule".
- (E) Resolution No. 133-2007, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement and a Right-of-Way Easement for Hermo Road Improvements".
- (F) Authorize County Counsel to approve legal documents on behalf of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners related to the Oregon Commission on Children & Families if the Board is unavailable.
- (G) Authorize the Columbia County Financial Director and the Director of the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families to approve budget distributions regarding the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families.
- (H) Authorize the continuation of basic life insurance for John Knight from 7/1/07 through 8/31/07.
- (I) Reappoint Robert Anderson, Lea Ann Berg, Brian Burrignt, Mike Greisen, Bruce Holsey, Lee Knowlton, Karen Ladd and Terri Baublitt to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee.
- (J) Appoint Dr. Steven Loosli as Physician Chair to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee.
- (K) Approve the creation of the position of Transit Program Coordinator and assign to Exempt Salary Range 7 and authorize Staff Assistant to fill the vacancy.
- (L) FY 2007 Cultural Participation Grant for \$6,922 and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (M) Accept a Temporary Construction Easement from Martin and Deborah Greeley and authorize payment in the amount of \$5,068.
- (N) Accept a Dedication Deed from Martin and Deborah Greeley and authorize payment in the amount of \$2,032.
- (O) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbia River PUD for Data Sharing and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (P) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Clatskanie for Emergency Management Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (Q) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD for Emergency Management Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (R) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbia City for Emergency Management Services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (S) Grant Agreement #24313 with ODOT, Public Transit Division.
- (T) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of St. Helens for consulting services.
- (U) Personal Services Contract with Shiels, Obletz, Johnsen, Inc.
- (V) Amendment No. 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement #3543 between the State of Oregon and Columbia County and authorize Chair to sign.
- (W) Public Services Contract with Dale Herren, dba DH Painting of Scappoose, Oregon.
- (X) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with Milliman to include Road Department employees in the Compensation/Classification Study.

The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS MASTER PLAN:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board along with Lorraine Churchill and Erica Owens to finalize the Columbia County Parks Master Plan. Erica previously met with the Commissioner's individually and received their comments and suggestions. After a lengthy process, the plan is now complete and ready for adoption. Erica briefly summarized all changes made to the plan since first presenting it to the Board. Afterwards, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt the Columbia County Parks & Recreation Master

Plan. The motion carried unanimously. The Board wanted to publicly compliment Erica and the Parks Committee for all their hard work in putting this together.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard spent last week on vacation on an Alaskan cruise, which was great.

On Saturday, she attended the Arts & Eats Festival in St. Helens, which was very well attended. There was a lot of things to do and see and many talented artists work was displayed.

On Sunday, she went out to the Rock Festival at Columbia Meadows. The traffic and parking situations seem to be getting much better. Undersheriff Gerry Simmons said everything seemed to go well, with only a couple of arrests.

Last night, she attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting. There was a lot of discussion on the LNG project. One property owner, who will be impacted, was there to state her concerns.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Clatskanie City Council meeting to answer questions regarding the IGA amendment on tax increment financing. The amendment was to increase the amount for Phase 2 improvements.

He attended the Parks Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the CZ trail and the ultimate hand off to the State Parks.

On Wednesday, he was at the Governors office to meet with Senator Schrader regarding economic development.

Thursday, he met with Ken Knight, the interim manager for the City of Rainier, then MC'd the 13 Nights on the River, which was a lot of fun.

He was at West Oregon Electric on Saturday to discuss future rates with BPA once the current contract is up in 2011 and alternative energy sources.

Commissioner Hyde wanted to mention that today is the 70th anniversary of the O&C Act.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the evening out in the Park in Vernonia which was a very good event.

Last week, he went on a port cruise put on by the Channel Deepening group. All the Ports were represented and spoke about their projects, with the exception of the Port of St. Helens. It was too bad that the county with the most river frontage was not represented.

He also had the opportunity to attend the Homeowners Assn meeting at Columbia Hills Development, which was a very interesting tour. He was very impressed with the high dollar home sites and how the views have been maintained.

Over the weekend, he and Debi worked the Hood to Coast, manning crowd control up at Natal Grange. This is a very well organized event and seems to get better every year.

On Monday, he attended the Clatskanie Arts Commission meeting. They are making plans for events for the next year.

He also attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting last night. He was surprised at the admiration and support Brad Witt has for Northern Star LNG.

Regarding the 150th State Celebration, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to officially appoint the Cultural Trust Committee as the 150th State Celebration committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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 August, 2007.

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

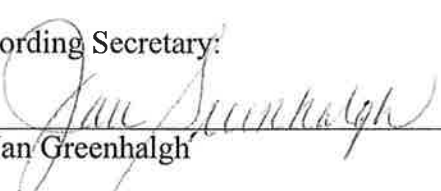
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh