

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 24, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with Spencer Parsons, Assistant County Counsel and 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 October 9, 2007 Work Session and October 10, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the October 10, 2007 were carried over.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mel Dodge, 35068 Barker Road, Rainier: In March 2007, he started the process to sell a portion of his property. He has 9.75 acres, divided into 2 sections. He intends to keep the 5.27 acre portion and sell the remaining acreage where his current home sits. He has lived on this property for over 30 years. Last March he checked with the Land Development Services Department to see what he needed to do. He was told he would have to do perk holes for a septic system. He was told it would take about 6 weeks. He had the test holes dug and waited. After 7 weeks, he called LDS to check on the status.. He was told it was in the works. He is not sure why, but the buyer received a call, not him, who was told the perk holes didn't pass. Now it's 8 weeks later and he was denied. LDS told him he could dig more holes and try again. So he dug 5 more and those were denied. Then he was told he had wet lands on his property. He has never seen anything on his property that would indicate wetlands. The only thing he can think of is when the County put in a culvert in back in 1976 and now water drains onto his property after a heavy rain. He wants to see the culvert issue fixed. He spoke with Dave Hill, who was very receptive and said he would shoot in the grade and take this matter to the Board. Eventually, he was told by LDS that no matter where he punched a hole on this property, it wouldn't pass. So he punched a hole on the other portion of the property and it passed for a sand filter. He noted that this hole is only about 60 feet from the very first 2 holes he punched. He is at a loss as to what to do. He has submitted all the forms and paid his \$900 dollars. Now he can't do anything because the window of opportunity for putting in a sand filter has passed.

Commissioner Hyde stated that he has been working on this with Todd Dugdale and Ron Wilson. Ron has stated the he would work with Mel on getting the sand filter in.

Commissioner Corsiglia - the Board has heard these types of situations before and understands that it can be very frustrating. It is important that the Board hears about these issues, so that steps can be taken to avoid problems. He noted that the County also has to deal with State

agencies and it isn't always a positive experience. He asked Todd why the sand filter idea came up. Todd stated that they were trying to find anyway for this to work for Mel.

After lengthy discussion, Todd stated that we now have an approved system on the other property, although more expensive, and staff is working on his condition use permit through the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING: STEPHEN EDNEY APPLICATION FOR MINOR PARTITION:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of Stephen M. & Sally Edney for a Minor Partition in the Primary Forest (PF-76) Zone".

Spencer explained that he has received a request from appellants attorney to continue this hearing to November 21st. The parties are in settlement discussions and have indicated that they are close to resolving the issues so that the appeal can be withdrawn. The County has received another 150 day waiver from the applicant, for an additional 30 days, to accommodate the continuance.

With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to continue this hearing to Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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 10/16/07 & 10/23/07.
- (B) Authorize the District Attorney to post the position of Office Manager in the District Attorney's office.
- (C) Order No. 138-2007, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement and a Right-of-Way Easement for Hermo Road Improvements from Lower Columbia Tree Farm, LLC".
- (D) Order No. 139-2007 "In the Matter of Authorizing Amendment Number 3 to the Loan from the Special Public Works Fund for Port Westward Road Improvements".
- (E) Order No. 143-2007, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement and a Right-of-Way Easement for Hermo Road Improvements from Helen Velva Cook".

- (F) Resolution No. 144-2007, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Perpetual Right-of Way Easement and Permanent Slope Easement from Pearl Lewis and Lillian Gore and a Permanent Slope Easement from Glen Swenson for the Bridge Replacement on Chapman Grange Road".
- (G) Approve 2008 Preserving Oregon grant application and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Permission to Access Private Land for Knotweed control project and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Accept Permanent Slope Easement from Glen Swenson for right-of-way required for replacement of Chapman Grange Road Bridge and authorize payment in amount of \$300.00.
- (J) Accept Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement and Permanent Slope Easement from Pearl Lewis and Lillian Gore for right-of-way required for Chapman Grange Road Bridge and authorize payment in amount of \$700.00.
- (K) Authorize the LDS Director to submit a grant application to DLCD in the amount of \$25,000 for the Coordinated Population Forecast project.
- (L) Approve the creation of the Facility Maintenance Mechanic I position, assign a Salary Range 18 and authorize the LDS Director to fill the position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (M) Approve State of Oregon Economic and Community Development Amended Promissory Note in the amount of \$5,894,818 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (N) Amendment Number 3 to Financial Assistance Award Contract and Loan Agreement for Interim Financing with SPWF, Project #L02002, for Port Westward Road Improvements and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Amendment #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement #3406 between the State of Oregon, Columbia County and the County Sheriff.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard listed a number of events and meetings she attended: the League of Women Voters meeting to discuss ballot measures; the RC&D annual meeting at Camp 18; AOC Human Services meeting to discuss potential impacts of ballot measures; ribbon cutting for the solar panels installed at the St. Helens High School, a class project; attended the TOPOFF exercise both here and in Portland, which seemed to go very well; the West Lane Road

Legalization hearing last week, for the road improvement project; attended the memorial service for Dave Williamson Sr.; Seth with CCMH was honored last week at Sunshine for all of the good work he does; Nancy Federicci's going away party, which was very well attended; and she attended the COLPAC meeting last week with the NW Economic Alliance and the Workforce Investment Board.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia had the opportunity to sit in on the TOPOFF exercise for three days. It's very helpful to have these types of exercises because it never hurts to find our weaknesses so improvements can be made.

He also attended the service for Dave Williamson, Sr. He has known Dave for years and he will be missed.

As President of the Day Breakers Kiwanis, he will be putting in a lot of time at the Children's Fair this weekend at the St. Helens High School. It should be a full day of events and it's free.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) - REAL ESTATE:

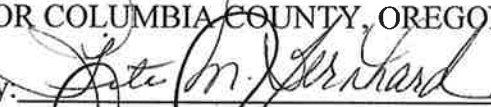
The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of October, 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