

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 31, 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 Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007 Board meeting; October 23, 2007 Work Session; October 24, 2007 Board meeting; and October 24, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: AMEND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2007-9, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Justice of the Peace Ordinance to Correct Scrivener's Errors".

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel stated that earlier this year, the Board adopted a new Justice of the Peace Ordinance. When adopted, this ordinance also repealed Ordinance No. 94-1. After review, it was noticed that in the second sentence of Section 3, it erroneously referred to Ordinance No. 94-4, when the correct number should have been Ordinance No. 94-1. Because of this, a new Ordinance has been prepared to correct that error. She noted that there are no other changes to this ordinance. Sarah drafted this with an emergency clause because the original ordinance is already in effect.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations. Sarah gave the first and second reading of the ordinance twice by title only. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-9, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Justice of the Peace Ordinance to Correct Scrivener's Errors". The motion carried unanimously.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2006-4 - REGULATING ACCESS APPROACHES:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2006-4, "In the Matter of Regulating the Construction of Access Approaches". Sarah gave a very brief review of this ordinance. She

noted that this ordinance does include an emergency clause. After discussion, the Board agreed with including an emergency clause in this ordinance. With that, Sarah gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2006-4, twice by title only. After which, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-4, "In the Matter of Regulating the Construction of Access Approaches". The motion carried.

PALOMAR GAS TRANSMISSION PRESENTATION:

Michael Burke and Scott Ferris, with Palomar, came before the Board to give a short presentation on a proposed LNG pipeline. Palomar is a joint venture between TransCanada and NW Natural Gas. The Board is familiar with NW Natural Gas, so Scott gave some background on TransCanada.

Michael, Assistant Project Manager on the project, explained how and where this will impact the southwest part of Columbia County, which is about 1-2 miles of property. They are going through the FERC process, which started in mid summer 2007. Open houses have been held for effected property owners. FERC will also be holding some scoping meetings in November, which will also allow for public input.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that the Board has heard from some citizens who have concerns about a pipeline going through their property. She would suggest that any property owners who are effected, are treated appropriately.

Commissioner Corsiglia asked about flexibility on this project. Michael stated that they are very flexible. The intent is to just connect the pipeline from Mollalla to Canada.

Michael continued with where they are to date, safety issues and the next steps to be taken.

Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to thank both for coming to the Board to share this information, because that hasn't always happened with other companies.

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 10/30/07.
- (B) Approve the creation of the position of Public Land Corner Preservation Specialist, assign to salary range 24 and authorize County Surveyor to fill the vacancy.
- (C) Authorize the Sheriff to fill one Corrections Technician vacancy.

- (D) Authorize Vicki Harguth to fill one Emergency Management Coordinator position.
- (E) Resolution No. 145-2007, "In the Matter of Acquiring a Perpetual Right-of Way Easement and Permanent Slope Easement from Brenda Foey and a Perpetual Right-of Way Easement from Perry Corrie for the Bridge Replacement on Chapman Grange Road".
- (F) Accept Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement from Perry Corrie for right-of-way required for replacement of Chapman Grange Road Bridge and authorize payment in amount of \$2,864.00.
- (G) Accept Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement and Permanent Slope Easement from Brenda Foey for right-of-way required for Chapman Grange Road Bridge and authorize payment in amount of \$1,350.00.
- (H) Authorize Dave Hill to advertise for bids for Phase II, Port Westward Road Improvements, Hermo Road.
- (I) Appoint Jill Hult to the Commission on Children & Families for a four (4) year term.
- (J) Authorize the LDS Director to fill the Environmental Services Specialist I/II vacancy in the On-Site Sewage Program.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (K) Amendment #16 to the Agreement with CCMH to extend the date to December 31, 2007.
- (L) GIS Data License Agreement with St. Helens School District #502.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was in Astoria last Thursday & Friday to attend the Oregon Consortium Oregon Workforce Alliance Services quarterly meeting. These groups provide work force for our county, along with 23 other counties. They are working on their procedures to become more efficient due to budget shortfalls.

She gave a report on the KELTI issue in Klamath Falls, which may cost all of the counties in the region.

On Friday afternoon, she attended the Regional Metro meeting.

On Saturday, she went to the Children's Fair at the St. Helens High School. It was very well attended and a very successful event. There are many people who put a lot of time into this.

She also attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting last night.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde has been spending a lot of time with OECDD on regional rural issues. He spent all day Friday meeting with half of the state and will be in Klamath Falls the end of this week to meet with the other half of the state.

He has also been working on the BLM Plan and the Rural Schools reauthorization.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia spent a lot of time last week getting ready for the Children's Fair. He has heard that there were around 6,000 in attendance. He also reported on other projects the Kiwanis are working on.

He attended the Cultural Trust Committee meeting. They are looking at ways to obtain some oral history from our older citizens to help retain that history.


There was no Executive Session held.


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

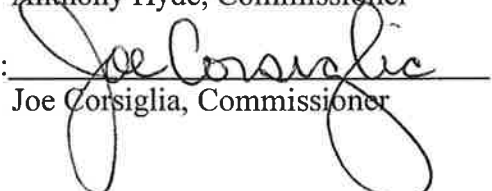
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 31st day of October, 2007.

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

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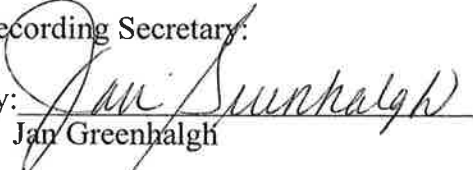
By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Jan Greenhalgh